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# U.S., Iraqi officials: Jan. election may be limited

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A houseboat lies partially submerged behind a boat owner checking his boat as Hurricane Jeanne battered a yacht basin Sunday in Titusville, Fla. Jeanne became the fourth hurricane to pummel Florida in a single season, blasting ashore with drenching rains and 120 mph winds.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Koresh's Camaro sells low:** The market for infamous cars took a hit Saturday when the souped-up 1968 Chevrolet Camaro owned by Branch Davidian leader David Koresh sold at auction here for \$37,000, well below the \$80,000 the seller hoped the car would bring.

Donald Feldpausch, 64, of San Antonio bought the two-door hardtop on impulse. He hadn't even run a hand over the newly painted black exterior — much less looked under the hood where Koresh had engraved "DAVIDES 427 GO GOD" on the 427 cubic-inch engine — before he joined the bidding.

The 500-horsepower Camaro — rebuilt by Koresh — was parked at the Davidian compound near Waco during a 51-day siege by federal agents in 1993. Koresh and nearly 80 followers died as the complex burned to the ground.

## War on terrorism

**Afghan prison torture:** Three Americans convicted last week of torturing Afghan citizens — including a New York cameraman — have been moved to another Afghan prison in an effort to better protect them, defense lawyers told The Fayetteville Observer.

Robert Fogelnest, the lawyer for cameraman Ed Caraballo, said that the day before he left Afghanistan, Caraballo and Fayetteville resident Bill Bennett were living in a filthy, 6-by-8-foot cell with four suspected al-Qaida terrorists.

Caraballo, Bennett and Jonathan Keith Idema, a former Special Forces soldier from Fayetteville, were moved to a prison that has better security but is even more squalid, he said.

## World

**Afghan violence:** A roadside bomb exploded near a pickup truck carrying paramilitary troops in this Pakistani tribal town near the Afghan border Sunday, injuring two soldiers, officials said.

The bomb went off as the troops were patrolling in Rustan Bazaar in Wana, the main town in South Waziristan.

An official at the army spokesman's office who asked not to be identified said two soldiers were slightly injured in the explosion. Their vehicle was damaged.

**Munich's Oktoberfest:** Cold, rainy weather has failed to dampen spirits at Munich's Oktoberfest, with the numbers of visitors up from last year at the halfway point of the world's biggest beer-drinking festival, organizers said Sunday.

Around 3.1 million visitors streamed to the beer tents at Munich's sprawling, seven-square-mile festival grounds during the event's first week — 100,000 more than in the same period last year, director Gabriele Weinmayer told reporters. Between them, they downed 4.86 million pints of beer.

Munich Mayor Christian Ude said visitors appeared happier to spend money as Germany's economy recovers from three years of stagnation.

**Somalia peace talks:** A warlord who was the last major holdout in peace talks aimed at ending Somalia's 13-year-old civil war has stopped fighting in southern Somalia



**Driver's licenses veto:** Religious leaders join activists angered by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's veto this week of a bill to allow undocumented immigrants to drive legally, during a protest on Friday in downtown Los Angeles. In the foreground are, second from left, Executive Director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles Angelica Salas, Our Lady of Angels' Father Arnold Abelardo, with megaphone, Gloria Saucedo of the Hermandad Mexicana, second from right, and Church of Epiphany Father Will Wauters, far right.

and asked to join the negotiations, a senior Kenyan government official said Sunday.

Mohamed Siad Hersi, better known as General Morgan, crossed into Kenya's eastern Garissa district Saturday and asked Kenyan authorities to allow him to rejoin peace talks in the capital, Nairobi, said Joseph Nyagah, Kenya's assistant regional co-operation minister.

Morgan walked out of the talks in March over a dispute regarding a transitional charter for Somalia.

**Pinocchet investigation:** A Chilean judge questioned Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Saturday about the disappearance of leftist political opponents during his 1973-90 dictatorship, but cut the interrogation short because of the former leader's poor health.

Judge Juan Guzman, who indicted Pinochet in 2001 in a different human rights case that was blocked by Chile's Supreme Court, said he ended the session after about 30 minutes — instead of the planned one hour, and asked only six questions.

Guzman said he will have Pinochet examined by doctors before deciding on the next step in the legal process, which centers in the so-called "Operation Condor," a joint plan developed in the 1970s by the dictatorships then ruling several South American nations to suppress dissent.

**North Korean missiles:** A high North Korean official dismissed reports his government was preparing to test fire a long-range missile as "conjecture, rumor and speculation," Japanese news media said.

Japan said Thursday that it had intelligence North Korea will be preparing to test a missile capable of reaching almost anywhere in Japan, and its diplomats expressed concern to North Korean officials at meetings in New York and Beijing, the Chinese capital.

Choe Su Hon, North Korea's vice foreign minister, told Japanese Foreign Minister

Yoriko Kawaguchi at a reception during the U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York that the reports were groundless, the newspaper Asahi and other Japanese media reported Saturday.



**Women read copies of a pocket guide, "Know Your Rights and Responsibilities," published by The Muslim Council of Britain, at its launch in London on Saturday.**

**British Muslim rights:** A Muslim group published a guide Saturday informing British Muslims about their rights and responsibilities — and urging them to report any suspected terror activity.

The Muslim Council of Britain said it was issuing the leaflet to combat a tightening of civil liberties and a perceived fear of Islam in this country.

The 16-page booklet, officially launched at the London Muslim Center in east London, encourages Muslims to complain about negative media coverage and participate in British politics. It details the legal rights of Muslims in schools, the workplace and other situations, and describes what powers the police have to search and question suspects.

But it also notes that averting possible terrorist attacks is an "Islamic imperative" and urges citizens to report any suspected terrorist activity by calling a police hot line.

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# 1st AD unveils monument to fallen soldiers

Granite pyramid will bear names of 130 soldiers who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — The granite of choice comes from India. German engravers will work the stone. And one of the names on the monument will be that of an Estonian soldier.

Perhaps it is only fitting that a new monument to honor the war dead of the United States, a land of many races and ethnicities, is coming together with the assistance of multiple nations.

At its Welcome Home ceremony on Oct. 7, the 1st Armored Division plans to dedicate a monument bearing the names of 130 soldiers who died in the line of duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1, division officials said.

To those on hand, it won't matter that the monument before them will be a replica of the real one, which is still a couple of months from completion. It will be a day of celebration, as well as a day of reflection, and with many division soldiers moving on to new duty assignments, the timing and setting is right, said Master Sgt. Chantel Sena-Diaz, the project manager.

"It's an honor for me to work on it," said Sena-Diaz, noncommissioned officer in charge in the division chaplain's office. The charcoal-gray, granite monument will have three sides and be in the shape of a pyramid, she said. At its base, it will measure 6 feet by 6 feet, and the entire pyramid will sit atop a foot-high base that will be slightly larger in terms of its dimensions. The entire monument will weigh 5 tons.

Of special interest will be the engravings on the three sides. One will feature a map of Iraq and the names of several significant cities, as well as major lakes and the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Along the border of this particular side will be the crests of the six major units that made up the task force at one time or another.

Another side will include the names of all the fallen soldiers assigned to the division task force from May 2003 to July 2004.

Among the names will be Estonian army Sgt. Andres Nuiaume, who died while attached to the force. The 21-year-old was the first soldier from that nation killed in combat abroad since 1920.

The remaining side will feature the "Old Ironsides" emblem. A quote by Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the division commander, will anchor it.

"In the history of our great na-

tion, there have been times when soldiers have been called upon to re-earn America's freedom," Dempsey said in April. "This is such a time. You now take your place among the heroes of our past who sacrificed so that their fellow Americans would remain free."

The monument, Sena-Diaz said, will consist of three pieces, including the base. It will have a smooth finish to it, and will reside on the parade ground on the Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

"When the division relocates to the States," she said, "we will be actually able to take the monument apart and take it with us."

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Sena-Diaz



CHERYL BOUNDA/U.S. Army

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Eric Schwab assists Bamberg family members, left to right, Tamara, J'Don, Jamicka and Jamal Jones, of the 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, to make holiday greetings to Savanna, Ill., and Rochester, N.Y. The Hometown News crew, based in Texas, recorded approximately 110 greetings at Bamberg's Warner Barracks last week.

## Crews tape hometown holiday greetings

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

It's time again to send out those hometown greetings.

Army and Air Force camera crews are visiting bases in Germany to record greetings that will air on local state radio and television stations during the December holidays.

The crew recorded more than 100 greetings in Bamberg last week. It is scheduled to be in Mannheim on Monday, Heidelberg on Tuesday, Baumholder on Wednesday, and Ramstein on Thursday and Friday.

The tour continues in Kaiserslautern on Oct. 24, Sembach on Oct. 5 and Spangdahlem Oct. 7-8.

A different crew is scheduled

to tape greetings Monday and Tuesday at U.S. bases in Okinawa.

Those interested in taping a greeting should contact their base's public affairs office for details, according to Elaine Leist, deputy to the commander for the 415th Base Support Battalion in Kaiserslautern.

"They [camera crews] come to the community, the PAOs take the lead and schedule appointments for soldiers and families," Leist said.

The taped messages are then sent to local news stations and aired throughout the holidays.

Military members, families and Department of Defense civilians can participate, Leist said.

Many times, she added, parents dress up their toddlers in Christmas fineries for the greetings.

"Even if your spouse is deployed, we encourage the spouses left behind and their children to participate in this," Leist said.

"I would think more than ever this year with soldiers deployed that they're going to have a lot of spouses participate."

Nearly 8,000 greetings are expected to be collected throughout the Pacific, European and Southwest Asia regions, according to the U.S. Marines in Japan Web site. The tapes would then be sent to more than 2,000 radio, television and cable stations throughout the United States for airing in the servicemembers' hometowns.

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## Heidelberg to start curfew for children

On-visit plan intended to cut down on vandalism and late-night partying

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Following the lead of the Darnstadt and Grafenwöhr military communities, Army officials in Heidelberg will impose an on-post curfew for school-age children that is intended to cut down on vandalism and late-night partying.

Heidelberg's 411th Base Support Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Diane Vanderpot, announced the plan at a town hall meeting in Heidelberg on Wednesday.

The curfew, which is to be implemented in the coming weeks, will require all school-age kids to be home, depending on age, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., during the weekdays and between 9 p.m. and midnight on weekends and holidays.

A list of exceptions will still allow teenagers, for example, to run errands for parents and come and go from base housing facilities as long as they're in a vehicle.

The plans were received well by some 20 parents attending the meeting.

"Why can't we just start this next week?" asked one mother, with most attending nodding their approval.

Officials have tentatively set Nov. 15 for implementing the curfew, but Vanderpot said that could be moved up to October if community discussions continue to go well.

One mother complained of

“[Juvenile delinquency] is not a big problem, but this will give us an additional tool to handle things.”

Maj. Tom Acklen  
411th BSB's  
provost marshal

kids regularly partying outside her housing area.

"Every Saturday, we can set our clock to when the kids show up and how long it's going to take before they get loud," said the mother, who asked that her name not be used. "There are eighth-graders out there drinking and throwing beer bottles and setting garbage on fire."

Every time she calls the authorities, the kids scatter before the military police arrive, she says.

Becky Melvin, a mother of two who said she supported the plan, said the curfew would only do so much, however.

"The real problem is there's no places for the kids to go," said Melvin. "We need teen and youth centers."

Maj. Tom Acklen, the 411th BSB's provost marshal, said juvenile delinquency "is not a big problem, but this will give us an additional tool to handle things."

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# Airman brings Scottish sounds to Aviano

## Air Force captain enjoys playing bagpipe for anyone who will listen

BY KENT HARRIS  
Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Hesketh Miller appreciates an audience as much as the next musician. He's just not sure his potential audiences always appreciate him.

After all, it's not all that easy to play the bagpipe softly. And it's not a sound that Italians are used to hearing in their neighborhoods.

"Since it takes an hour to get in tune, it's not something that I play at home," he says. "It's not the kind of sound you'd want to be foisting on people."

That includes his wife, Maria. "She's from the Dominican Republic," he says, "so as far as she's concerned, it's completely foreign."

So Miller, a captain in the Air Force and senior director for aircraft control with the 603rd Air Control Squadron, sometimes practices during lunch in a parking lot on the unit's compound. He also found time to play while the unit was deployed to Iraq earlier this year.

"He was our music pretty much every night," says Master Sgt. Chris Lopez.

Senior Master Sgt. Arleen Heath said she heard the distinctive sounds near a shift change on Balad Air Base early one morning. She said had to investigate.

"I thought, 'That's quite a sight to see in a place like that,'" she recalls, adding that it was a nice

change of pace. "I think for a moment or two, I didn't think I was [in Iraq]."

Miller has played the bagpipe for 10 years. He's part Scottish, but the bagpipe wasn't something passed down.

He said he always liked the sound of the pipes, so when his parents saw a bagpipe band at a parade, they asked how their son could learn to play.

The pipers graciously offered lessons.

"It was free, so the price was right," Miller said, smiling.

The instrument itself wasn't free. A set of bagpipes ranges from \$800 to \$1,700, Miller says. He's had the same set he bought through the mail a decade ago.

"Bagpipe gigs will generally bring back your investments after about six or seven gigs," he says.

And apparently fewer if alcohol is involved. Miller says he played at tailgate parties before football games while attending Boston College. He'd make at least \$300 a shot in tips.

"They'd also give you beer and food," he says. "I could stock my refrigerator until the next home game."

Miller says the school's fight song was a favorite. But he adds that other songs are harder to play.

"The national anthem is one they always ask for that just doesn't work," he says, noting that his instrument can only hit

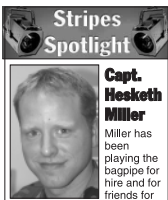


KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

**Capt. Hesketh Miller plays an instrument that not many try outside of Scotland — the bagpipe. Miller, a member of the 603rd Air Control Squadron at Aviano Air Base in Italy, has been playing the instrument for almost half his life.**

nine notes. "So you're limited in what kind of music you can play." Miller has played at a number of happy occasions — such as

weddings and anniversaries — and more somber events such as funerals. He received praise for his performance during the ser-



**Capt. Hesketh Miller**

Miller has been playing the bagpipe for hire and for friends for

10 years.

**Job:** Senior director, aircraft control, for 603rd Air Control Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy

**Age:** 26

**Family:** Wife, Maria

**Hometown:** Hinsdale, Ill.

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vices for Airman 1st Class Antoine Holt, a fellow member of the 603rd killed in a mortar attack at Balad.

"It was very memorable," Lopez says.

Miller, who doesn't play any other instruments, hopes to form a bagpipe band of sorts at Aviano. But an advertisement he placed in the base newspaper, the *Vigil*, hasn't gotten any responses.

Lopez said Miller sounds just fine on his own. But the music isn't something he and other airmen are used to hearing.

"He was taking requests," Lopez says of the nightly sessions in Iraq. "We just didn't know what to ask him to play."

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## U.S. general: N. Korea missile tests troubling

The Associated Press

TOKYO — North Korea is likely improving its missile technology, and recent signs that it may be preparing to test a ballistic missile are troubling, a top U.S. military official said Sunday.

U.S. Pacific Air Force Commander Gen. Paul V. Hester said North Korea has posed a serious regional threat since 1998, when it demonstrated that it had long-range missile capabilities by test firing a Taepodong missile over Japan into the Pacific Ocean.

That technology is expected to have improved and become a "greater concern," Col. Victor J. Warzinski, spokesman for U.S. Forces Japan, quoted Hester as saying.

Hester said more precise North Korean missiles were among likely improvements.

The presumed advances made recent signs of missile-related activity in North Korea a cause for worry, Hester said, who was visiting Japan to attend ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary

of Japan's Air Self-Defense Forces.

Tokyo said last week that Pyongyang might be preparing to test a ballistic missile capable of reaching almost anywhere in Japan, citing intelligence that showed North Korea beefing up troops and equipment around launch bases.

Officials in Washington, Tokyo and Seoul have since tried to play down the movements as probably being routine military exercises and stressed that an immediate launch was unlikely.

Choe Su Hon, North Korea's vice foreign minister, dismissed the reports his government was readying for a ballistic missile launch as "conjecture, rumor and speculation" in a meeting with Japan's foreign minister in New York on Friday, according to Japanese news media.

Tokyo and Washington, however, have reportedly boosted their surveillance of the communist country, while Japanese diplomats meeting with North Korean officials in Beijing over the weekend also reportedly voiced concern about the developments.



**This is an undated file photo of a satellite receiver in the Chequamegon National Forest near Clam Lake in northern Wisconsin that the U.S. Navy's Project ELF uses to communicate with submarines around the world.**

## Navy to shut down ELF submarine transmitters

BY ROBERT IMRE  
The Associated Press

WAUSAU, Wis. — With terrorism the new global threat, a network of radio antennas that let the Navy maintain secure communications with submarines at sea has become yet another Cold War relic.

On Thursday, the Navy will shut off its extremely low frequency, or ELF, radio transmitters in northern Wisconsin and Michigan, saying the 15-year-old system, first proposed in the 1960s, is outdated and no longer needed. The Navy now will use 12 "very low frequency" transmitters located worldwide.

For years, peace activists and environmentalists targeted the two huge transmitters in the Chequamegon National Forest near Clam Lake and in Upper Michigan's Escanaba State Forest. Each transmitter consists of an antenna strung on 600 40-foot poles across dozens of miles of forest.

Critics contended that the system was for use during a first-strike nuclear attack, and

that the radio waves could cause health and environmental problems. Demonstrations led to hundreds of arrests, some for trespassing onto the site and saving down poles.

Steven Davis, spokesman for the Navy's Space and Navy Warfare Systems Command in San Diego, said the Navy spent about \$25 million on research and studies into public and environmental safety and found no problems.

But Sen. Russ Feingold, who has wanted to shut down ELF since 1993, said the Navy had a "bunker mentality" in trying to pretend the facility had a purpose.

"I do think the war on terror had something to do with this," Feingold said. "I think people are finally realizing we need to equip our military and everything we do toward the real threat."

Davis said closing ELF comes after a "re-evaluation" of the Navy's priorities.

"Even as recently as three years ago, the world has changed considerably," he said.



# Two car bombs go off outside Fallujah

BY FISNIK ABRASHI

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — Suicide attackers exploded a pair of car bombs outside an Iraqi National Guard compound west of the capital Sunday, wounding American and Iraqi forces, and the U.S. military announced the arrest of a senior Iraqi commander for alleged ties to the insurgency.

The developments underscored the obstacles toward building a strong Iraqi security force capable of taking over from U.S. troops and restoring stability to the country.

The two militants, who died in the blasts, tried to ram two cars loaded with explosives into the base in Khanna, a town on the outskirts of the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, a U.S. military official said on condition of anonymity.

The number of U.S. and Iraqi casualties was not immediately clear. A statement from the U.S. Marines said there were no serious injuries among U.S. forces on the base.

The Marines described the first explosion as a black BMW that exploded while driving through the barrier system outside the base.

It was followed seconds later by a blue Kia pickup, which also detonated inside the barriers, the statement said.

The attack occurred at 8 a.m. and caused serious damage to the main building, said Bassem Abbas, a witness. He added that shortly after the attack, U.S. troops cordoned off the area and prevented people from getting close.

U.S. and insurgent forces traded five Sunday in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, killing at least three Iraqis and injuring four, witnesses and hospital officials said. Clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents occur almost daily in the predominantly Sunni Muslim city, which is known for its anti-American sentiments.

In Fallujah, American troops have staged repeated attacks on sites that the U.S. military says are being used by followers of Jor-

danian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. But U.S. troops have not entered Fallujah since the end of a three-week siege in April that killed hundreds.

The twin blasts in Khanna bring to at least 34 the number of suicide car bombings in September, the highest monthly total since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003. As many as seven car bombs have been detonated in a single day this month.

Brig. Gen. Talib al-Lahibi, who previously served as an infantry officer in Saddam Hussein's army, was detained Thursday in the province of Diyala, northeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said in a statement.

Al-Lahibi was the acting head of the Iraqi National Guard for the Diyala province, said Maj. Neal O'Brien, spokesman for the Army's 1st Infantry Division.

The military declined to provide details on the general's suspected ties to militants waging a 17-month campaign to topple the interim Iraqi authorities and oust coalition forces from the country.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,042 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 792 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three British civilians. The department did not provide an update Saturday.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 904 U.S. military members have died — 683 as a result of hostile action and 221 of nonhostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ A soldier was killed Saturday by an explosive in Baghdad, Iraq.

■ Four Marines were killed Friday in at least two separate incidents in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identification reported by the Department of Defense:

■ Army Sgt. Skipper Soram, 23, Kolonia, Micronesia; killed Wednesday by a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

## U.S. soldier gets 25 years for killing an Iraqi

**BAGHDAD** — A U.S. soldier was sentenced to a 25-year term Saturday after a court-martial convicted him in the death of an Iraqi National Guard member in May, the military said.

Sgt. Federico Merida pleaded guilty to murder during the trial in Tikrit, a city north of Baghdad. The attack occurred in Adwar, but the military released no details about the incident. Merida, whose age and hometown were not given, also received a dishonorable discharge and reduction in rank.

## Al-Qaida operative killed in Pakistan

**KARACHI, Pakistan** — Paramilitary police killed a suspected top al-Qaida operative Sunday in a four-hour gunbattle at a house in southern Pakistan that also led to the arrest of two other men, the information minister said.

Amjad Hussain Farooqi was wanted for his alleged role in the kidnapping and beheading of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl 2002 and two assassination attempts against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in December 2003.

## Blair admits intelligence made error on Iraq

**BRIGHTON, England** — Prime Minister Tony Blair acknowledged Sunday that some of Britain's intelligence on Saddam Hussein's illicit weapons program was wrong, but defended the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

"The intelligence that we had that he had actual deployable weapons has turned out to be wrong," Blair said in a BBC interview, as delegates gathered for his ruling Labour Party's annual conference. "Some of the information that we acted upon was wrong," said Blair, who has faced repeated calls from opposition politicians and some of his own party's lawmakers to apologize for backing Washington in the war.

## Mideast a better place, says Australian leader

**BRISBANE, Australia** — Prime Minister John Howard marked the official start of his re-election campaign Sunday by claiming that the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq had made the world a better place.

At a ceremony in the Queensland state capital, Brisbane, Howard said his decision to send 2,000 Australian troops to join efforts to topple former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was the toughest he faced in more than eight years as the country's leader.

"That decision was the right decision," Howard said. "The world is a better place, the Middle East is a better place without Saddam Hussein."

## Senior Taliban commander killed in Afghanistan

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** — Afghan security forces killed a senior Taliban commander along with two other fighters in a raid on a village home in southern Afghanistan, an official said Sunday.

Maulvi Abdul Ghaffar, reportedly a former inmate of the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, died in a gunbattle Saturday night in Pishi village in the southern province of Uruzgan, said Jan Mohammed Khan, governor of Uruzgan. Khan said authorities had received intelligence that Ghaffar was in the village and was planning an attack against the government. Security forces launched a raid after surrounding a house, and three men, including Ghaffar, were killed in gunfire.

From The Associated Press



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# Partial vote possible, says Iraqi official

## Insurgency may affect certain areas

BY SCIEHEREZEAD FARAMARZI  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deputy prime minister reiterated his government's commitment to hold elections in January, but conceded that voting might not be possible in all parts of the country.



Allawi

Deputy Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Sunday he expected flawed elections and much violence ahead of the voting scheduled for January.

Gen. John Abizaid's assessment followed a week in which President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi spoke optimistically about the situation despite the beheadings of two more Americans and the deaths of dozens of people in car bombings.

On Friday, the military said four Marines died in separate incidents, adding to a toll that has topped 1,000 since the U.S.-led invasion.

Abizaid, commander of U.S. troops in the Middle East, said the elections will be carried out. But he warned that voting may not be possible in parts of Iraq where the violence is too intense.

"I don't think we'll ever achieve perfection and when we look for perfection in a combat zone we're going to be sadly disappointed," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

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## Abizaid expects trouble before election

BY LAURA MECKLER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. military commander for Iraq said Sunday he expected flawed elections and much violence ahead of the voting scheduled for January.

Gen. John Abizaid's assessment followed a week in which President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi spoke optimistically about the situation despite the beheadings of two more Americans and the deaths of dozens of people in car bombings.

On Friday, the military said four Marines died in separate incidents, adding to a toll that has topped 1,000 since the U.S.-led invasion.

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"We don't like the situation in Fallujah," he said on CNN's "Late Edition."

"The other ones, I think, are more manageable. Ramadi and Samarra, I think we'll get those back under control, and then we'll have to deal with Fallujah," Powell said.

Also Sunday, Powell said the insurgency was getting worse as elections near.

"They are determined to disrupt the election. They do not want the Iraqi people to vote for their own leaders in a free, democratic election," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Powell said planning is under way for an Iraqi conference, possibly next month, of the world's leading industrialized nations and regional powers, including Iran and Syria.

"This was a way to reach out to Iraq's immediate neighbors and persuade them that this is the time to help Iraq, so that the region can become stable," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Including the Group of Eight powers, he said, "adds a little bit more oomph to the conference" and brings in nations that could contribute "more in the way of resources."

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# Geronimoes making names for themselves

BAGHDAD — One of the elements that make servicemen members from the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., distinctive is the nicknames they bestow on their units and one another.

The troops, who play the role of opposing forces or "OpFor," use the names, or "call signs," not only for fun, but also to help hide their identities against rotating units, according to Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hester of Company B, 1st Battalion 509th Airborne Infantry Regiment.

Hester, from Mount Sterling, N.Y., and a platoon leader with Company B, said the unit has no intention of changing that practice now that it is in Iraq doing real combat operations.

Company B has its own name, the "Geronimoes," after the famous American Indian of the same name. Sometimes the soldiers' nicknames also have obvious origins.

For example, Staff Sgt. John Wilbanks of Picaque, Miss., of

the Geronimoes' 2nd Platoon, is called "Willy."

Others are a bit more obscure, such as Pfc. Brett Erickson, age 18, who is known as Lilo — "Because," said Erickson, "I'm from Hilo, Hawaii," which also happens to be the state where the animated film "Lilo and Stitch" was set.

Some names, like his own "Ammo Can," are given because of something the soldier did. Hester's moniker apparently has to do with the amount of ammunition

he expended while training for Iraq, since OpFor units carry "MILES," computerized laser-tag weapons, not the real thing.

And, finally, like many call signs, other OpFor names just aren't printable in their full form, at least in a family newspaper. Such is the case with the "B.B." that was bestowed on Hester's platoon leader, 1st Lt. R. Dennis Eller. It reportedly has to do with a popular hemorrhoid remedy.

## Iraqi firefighters

TIKRIT, Iraq — The 1st Infantry Division recently donated more than \$80,000 in firefighting equipment to Iraqis living in Tikrit.

The equipment includes 20 firefighter uniforms, helmets, jackets, pants, boots, door pounders

and pry-bars. The order was placed with the same vendor that provides equipment to the New York Fire Department, according to a 1st ID news release.

Funds for the equipment came from the Commanders Emergency Relief Program.

The 1st ID's gift not only bolsters security in Tikrit, it also enhances the military's already strong relationship with Iraqi Emergency Services in Tikrit, the release said.

## Serving together

With the active role taken by members of the National Guard and Reserves in the war on terrorism, it is not unusual for family members to find themselves serving together.

But Chief Warrant Officer 5 Grant Pearsall and his four sons have outdone just about everyone.

Pearsall, a 55-year-old pilot of the Utah National Guard, has flown Army aircraft over a period spanning 37 years — from Vietnam to Southwest Asia, where he is currently serving as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Earlier this summer, the Desert Voice of Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, reported that Pearsall has been joined in the service by four sons — Christopher, 30, who works in Navy intelligence; Adam, 27, a loanmaster with the Air Force; and twins Joe and Steve, 23, both Marines. All four have joined their dad in serving in OIF, with as many as three of them in theater at once, according to the publication.

"They grew up with the military," Pearsall was quoted as saying. As for the diversity of services represented by father and sons he added, "We've got all the bases covered."

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## IN THE STATES

## Hurricane Jeanne hits Florida, kills three

BY DEBORAH HASTINGS

The Associated Press

STUART, Fla. — Hurricane Jeanne blasted ashore in Florida with drenching rains and 120 mph wind, tearing off rooftops, hurling debris through the air and sending huge waves crashing into buildings Sunday as it hit the same area battered by Frances three weeks ago. At least three people died.

At least 1.5 million homes and businesses were without power as Jeanne sliced across the central part of the state and weakened into a tropical storm. A Category 3 storm when it slammed into the east coast, Jeanne was the fourth hurricane to pummel Florida in a single season, something that has not happened since 1886 when Texas was the target.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has responded with the largest deployment in its history, eliciting response for the 1994 earthquake in Northridge, Calif., and the 2001 terrorist attacks, FEMA Director Michael Brown said Sunday.

Debris left from the other storms became airborne as Jeanne made landfall shortly before midnight near the southern tip of Hutchinson Island near Stuart, about 35 miles north of West Palm Beach — the same area ravaged by Frances.

Rain whipped sideways in sheets, sections of road were washed out by pounding waves and at least a foot of water rushed through some streets in Vero Beach.

The 400-mile diameter storm then swirled north into central Florida, an area saturated by rain from previous hurricanes that caused billions of dollars in damage and killed at least 70 people.

One person was electrocuted in Miami early Sunday after touching a downed power line. Two people apparently drowned when the SUV they were driving plunged into a lake northwest of Fort Lauderdale during the storm.

In St. Lucie County north of West Palm Beach, police rescued five families when the hurricane's eye passed over late Saturday, emergency operations spokeswoman Linette Trabulsi said.

By Sunday afternoon, Jeanne had weakened to a tropical storm, but its 400-mile diameter covered most of the central part of the Florida Peninsula, including Tampa and Orlando. It was expected to stay inland over Georgia and the Carolinas through Tuesday.

Residual totals of 5 to 10 inches were expected in the storm's path, and flooding could be a major concern because previous hurricanes had saturated the ground and filled canals, rivers and lakes.

Two million people had been urged to evacuate. State officials said more than 59,000, many with homes already damaged by Frances, stayed at shelters.

At 2 p.m. EDT Sunday, Jeanne was centered about 20 miles



Penny Scheltz clears out storm drains during flooding Sunday in North Palm Beach, Fla., in the aftermath of Hurricane Jeanne.

southeast of Brooksville, Fla. It was moving northeast near 10 mph and was forecast to move over northern Florida Sunday night and early Monday.

Earlier, Jeanne tore across the Bahamas, leaving some neighborhoods submerged under 6 feet of water. No deaths or serious injuries were reported there, but the storm was earlier blamed for more than 1,500 deaths in floods in Haiti.

In Haiti residents took time to groom themselves for Sunday Mass, wearing little girls' hair and even braiding shoes as church bells chimed to call people to prayer.

Other residents broke into a moving container truck and threw packets of water into the street.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue said Saturday the storm killed at least 1,500. Officials earlier said 1,251 people were missing. Some 300,000 are homeless in Haiti's northwest province.

Latortue said Haiti's government is drawing up plans to evacuate some homeless victims from Gonaives to a tent camp to allow a cleanup of neighborhoods coated with contaminated sludge and debris. Gonaives is the Caribbean country's third-largest city with some 250,000 residents.

## Each storm brings higher toll

## Hurricane Charley:

- 36 deaths
- United States: 31
- Cuba: 4
- Jamaica: 1

## Hurricane Frances:

- 35 deaths
- United States: 33
- Bahamas: 2

Tropical Storm Gaston:  
8 deaths, all in Virginia

## Hurricane Ivan:

- 115 deaths
- United States: 43

- Barbados: 1
- Cayman Islands: 2
- Dominican Republic: 4
- Grenada: 3
- Haiti: 39
- Jamaica: 17
- Trinidad and Tobago: 1
- Venezuela: 5

## Hurricane Jeanne:

- 1,534 deaths
- Haiti: 1,500 deaths
- Dominican Republic: 24
- Puerto Rico: 7
- United States: 3
- Total: 1,728

— The Associated Press

## Fla. knocked by fourth storm

The four hurricanes that have struck Florida this season matched the most to hit a single state since 1886, when Texas was battered four times.

## The Florida storms:

■ Charley came ashore Aug. 13 with 145-mph winds at Charlotte Harbor, causing severe damage in southwest and central Florida.

■ Frances hit Labor Day weekend with 105-mph winds on the Atlantic coast near Stu-

art, stripping roofs, smashing boats and damaging Kennedy Space Center.

■ Ivan raked the western Florida Panhandle on Sept. 16 after landing on the Alabama coast with 130-mph winds.

■ Jeanne made landfall late Saturday, again near Stuart, with 120-mph winds.

The storms have caused billions of dollars in combined damage and left more than 70 dead in Florida alone.

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# At 80, Carter still working for peace

BY DOUG GROSS  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — As he approaches 80, Jimmy Carter could be enjoying retirement — teaching Sunday school, relaxing with family and reflecting on a life that's taken him from the peanut fields of Plains, Ga., to the White House and back.

Instead, Carter continues to use his status as a former president to promote peace, health and voting initiatives across the globe at a sometimes startling pace for his age.

"I have been blessed by graduating from the White House at an early age," Carter, who left the presidency at 56, told The Associated Press. "Enough so that I could use the prestige and fame and experience from being presi-

dent of the greatest nation in the world to have access to leaders and understand the problems that they face."

The majority of the work that Carter does is through the Carter Center — a combination of a presidential library and a "mini-United Nations" he and his wife founded in 1982 on a wooded patch of land in Atlanta.

Carter, whose 80th birthday is Friday, won the Nobel Peace Prize two years ago. He has remained active on other fronts as well, from his woodworking shop in Plains to the stage of the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

Witness his schedule for this year: Carter traveled to Ghana, Togo and Mali in February as part of an effort to eradicate Guinea worm — a painful disease that

has ravaged parts of Africa since Biblical times.

He spent a week in June in rural Alabama and Georgia helping build houses with Habitat for Humanity — an annual tradition he plans to take to Mexico next year.

In July, he joined Carter Center staff in Indonesia to monitor that nation's first round of elections, followed by a vacation in the Galapagos Islands.

He traveled to Venezuela in May and August for more election monitoring.

And throughout the year, he continued to teach Sunday school in Plains and lectured at least once a month at Atlanta's Emory University, where he has been on the faculty since leaving the White House.

He published his 19th book,

"Sharing Good Times" late last year and spent much of this year working on a sequel to "The Hornet's Nest," a novel of historical fiction set during the Revolutionary War.

"President Carter keeps a schedule that would wear out much younger men and women," said Steven Hochman, director of research for The Carter Center. What helps him keep up such a pace, Carter says, is that it doesn't feel like work.

"The bottom line is that it's an enjoyable thing," he said. "Nothing that I do is sacrificial."

One would have to go back to William Howard Taft to find another American president whose post-presidency years were as busy, said University of Georgia political scientist Charles Bullock. Taft, who spent four uneasy



Jimmy Carter

years in the White House from 1908 to 1912, went on to become chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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# At the main ride on presidential debates

## Voters see style over substance

BY DAVID VON DREHLE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For Sen. John Kerry, stuck in second place with just five weeks left in the presidential campaign, the debates that begin this week may be the best chance remaining to close the sale with voters and a beat President Bush.

Widespread polling, stubbornly consistent for months, finds Bush vulnerable. Voters report that they are unhappy with the way in Iraq, the state of the economy and the general direction of the country. Yet the same polls indicate that more voters do not like his Democratic challenger than do.

Beating Bush in these debates — the first on Thursday at the University of Miami — will be no easy matter, judging from the ex-

tensive record Bush and Kerry have compiled in televised face-offs.

"Both of them are good. Bush has never lost a debate that I know of," said Democratic campaign strategist Chuck Dicks. "He's a very cool, he stays on message. He approaches debates in a very different way than most other politicians."

Against that, Kerry brings an aggressive style and a command of the minute details of policy — qualities, it must be said, that were not enough to win when Texas Gov. Ann Richards and Vice President Al Gore took them into battle against Bush in 1994 and 2000.



Bush

The first encounter will focus on foreign policy. Bush's debate history shows one thing above all: His themes in debate are the same ones he preaches on the trail. By that yardstick,

Bush will defend the war as a tough decision "with no acceptable alternative." "Do I trust Saddam Hussein? Do I forget the lessons of September 11th,

or take action to defend this country?" Bush repeats in speeches across the country. "Given that choice, I will defend America every time."

Kerry's tone on the campaign trail in recent days suggests that he will go after the president aggressively on Iraq. "The invasion

of Iraq was a profound diversion from the battle against our greatest enemy — al-Qaida," Kerry said last week. "George Bush said Saddam Hussein the priority. I would have said Osama bin Laden the priority."

But while civics teachers, activists and other concerned citizens might not like to hear it, presidential debates are at least as much about style as substance, veterans of the process agree.

"They call them debates, but they're not debates," said Republican debate coach Sheila Tate. "They're platforms for the two candidates to position themselves for an audience of undecided voters who, research shows, tend to rely on their gut, Tate said.

The guitar-playing Kerry, who once bragged to Vogue magazine that his chocolate pig cookies are special because he uses imported Swiss chocolate, and the first house wiseguy Bush.

But that's not the persona Kerry displayed in 1996, during

his marathon of televised debates against Gov. William F. Weld of Massachusetts. That Kerry was a puncher, not a poseur. Kerry is a classically trained debater, having learned the ropes on debate teams at prep school and at Yale. Kerry is quick on his feet, he pushes hard and he can be ruthless.

"In the final analysis, there's a very small percentage of people of who haven't made up their minds by now," said Tate. "And they make their decision based on who they like, who they think they can trust — and it's a very amorphous, very emotional decision."

## Surveys: College voters likely to swing on issues

BY EVELYN NIEVES

The Washington Post

RENO, Nev. — The students passing through the quad on the way to classes the other day could not help but notice Robert Lee. They had a lot of competition for their attention — campus organizations, lined up in a train of folding chairs along the walkways, were holding their annual membership fair — but Lee was the guy in the suit.

"Sign up for the College Republicans!" he asked every passing student. "Help re-elect George Bush!"

Lee, despite his baggy, olive suit, was supposed to blend in on the University of Nevada at Reno campus. At 23 and newly graduated from Colorado State, he is part of a crew of 60 field coordinators that the Republican Party has dispatched to 40 states in a massive peer-to-peer recruitment drive. The goal, of course, is to swell the Republican ranks among 18-to-24-year-olds in time for the November elections, especially in the all-important swing states.

In what promises to be a banner year for young voters — polls and anecdotal evidence from myriad get-out-the-vote operations suggest that more

18-to-24-year-olds plan to vote this year than in any year since 18-year-olds won the right to vote in 1972 — the Republicans seem to be grabbing their share.

A Washington Post-ABC poll, taken shortly after the Republican National Convention, showed support for President Bush among college students increasing by 14 percentage points since Aug. 1, while Sen. John F. Kerry's support dropped 14 percentage points. Kerry's support among voters 18 to 29 dropped from 63 percent to 49 percent that month while Bush's share of the young vote increased to 46 percent, a 28-point turnaround in five weeks.

Still, polls released over the last week show that the race has tightened since the Republican convention, nearly back into a statistical dead heat. Surveys by the Harvard University Institute of Politics show that fully half of college-age voters are fluid in their politics — swing voters, in other words — who can be persuaded which way to vote based on particular issues rather than political ideologies.

More than once, though, when Lee, the GOP operative, pitched the party, students walking by answered with "No way!" or "You gotta be kidding!"

## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

## Understand your score

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — A credit score is an analysis of your past credit history. Determined by your credit decisions, a credit score is calculated by credit bureaus and then used by lenders to figure out how much of a risk you are.

Factors assessed include your payment record (late payments and penalty fees), your amount of debt, the length of time you've been using credit (a longer history is better), how often you've applied for new accounts, how and when you take on new debts and what kinds of debts you current-

ly carry (student loans, mortgage debts, credit-card debts, etc.).

Most of those surveyed didn't understand that lenders aren't the only ones to look at your credit score. "Your score is a measure of your financial responsibility," says Bodnar. People who might hire you, rent an apartment or house to you, sell you electric power or life insurance, among other goods and services, may also view your score to determine risk.

To help determine your credit score, visit [www.consumerfed.org/score](http://www.consumerfed.org/score).

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
British pound	\$1.266
Japanese yen (Sept. 27)	\$1.070
South Korean won (Sept. 25)	\$1,130.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.804
Canada (Dollar)	1.274
Denmark (Krone)	6.022
Egypt (Pound)	0.214
Euro	\$1.268
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.793
Hungary (Forint)	199.56
Israel (Shekel)	4.482
Japan (Yen)	100.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.246
Norway (Krone)	6.7496
Philippines (Peso)	56.27
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6804
South Korea (Won)	1,149.30
Switzerland (Franc)	1.922
Thailand (Baht)	41.37
Turkey (Lira)	1,482,557.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance and to U.S. troops in Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-U.S. currency exchange rates, i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are inter-bank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Gold	\$406.71
Silver	\$6.36

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
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## IN THE WORLD

# Turkey OKs reforms for its criminal code

BY SELCAN HACAÖGLU

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Parliament voted overwhelmingly Sunday to approve penal code reforms aimed at boosting Turkey's chances of starting membership talks with the European Union.

The special session came just days after Turkish leaders shelved an effort by government lawmakers to criminalize adultery, a demand that had upset EU officials and Turkish women's groups and human rights activists.

The government took the unusual step of calling a Sunday session to pass the package in advance of an Oct. 6 EU report that will assess if Turkey is ready to start membership negotiations with the bloc. EU leaders had warned that the report could be negative if the new penal code was included in the new penal code.

Both Turkey's government and opposition parties supported the criminal law changes, which must be approved by President Ahmet Necdet Sezer.

The reforms revised Turkey's decades-old criminal laws to bring them up to EU standards. The package includes laws against rape, pedophilia and torture and a strengthening of human rights standards.

The vote came three days after Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan pledged to EU officials that the package would be passed in time for the report, which will be used by the leaders of the 25 EU nations to decide in December whether to give Turkey a date to start talks.

After meeting with Erdogan on Thursday, EU Enlargement Commissioner Guenter Verheugen said once the penal reforms were approved, there would be "no more obstacles" to preparing the report.

EU officials signaled the report was likely to recommend that membership talks begin. But they also indicated it would be years before Turkey could become a full member.

Erdogan's governing party has roots in the Islamic movement but has made Turkey's EU bid its top priority. It has carried out sweeping democratic reforms, broadening freedom of expression, granting greater rights to minority Kurds and trimming the role of the military in politics.

But the demand by conservative supporters of Erdogan's party for the criminalization of adultery threatened to derail negotiations with the EU, until Erdogan reportedly pledged to drop the adultery clause during his visit to the bloc's headquarters Thursday.

## Israel kills Hamas operative

DAMASCUS, Syria — A car bomb killed a Hamas operative in Damascus on Sunday after weeks of Israeli warnings that members of the Islamic militant group would not be safe in Syria, and Israeli security officials acknowledged in Jerusalem that the Jewish state was involved.

Police at the scene of al-Zahrani district explosion were seen retrieving pieces of the body of Izz Eldine Subhi Sheikh Khalil, whose car exploded outside his home at 10:45 a.m. when, according to Hamas officials, he was trying to start his car.

Witnesses, however, said Khalil, who had been speaking on his mobile phone, started the car and had just begun moving in the white Mitsubishi Jeep when it exploded some 10 yards from his home.

## Britain arrests terror suspects

LONDON — Anti-terrorism police have arrested four men in London, acting on information from a newspaper which claimed it had foiled a "dirty bomb" plot, officials said Saturday.

Police said the four men were held on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

Police said they were acting on information supplied by the News of the World. The newspaper said reporter Mazher Mahmood had been in touch with a man who said he represented someone from Saudi Arabia who was seeking to purchase red mercury, a substance many scientists doubt actually exists.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, black marketers have been peddling substances they call red mercury, apparently passing it off to buyers as a highly radioactive compound purportedly developed in Soviet nuclear facilities.

## Plane forced to land

LONDON — A bomb threat that mentioned Iraq forced a New York-bound Greek airliner to make an emergency landing Sunday at London's Stansted Airport escorted by military jets, authorities said.

An airport spokeswoman said an Athens newspaper had received a phone call saying there was a bomb on board the Olympic Airlines plane. Authorities immediately notified the pilot of the call, and he asked for a military escort.

Britain's Royal Air Force scrambled planes to assist the airliner, the Ministry of Defense said. The plane, headed from Athens to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, landed safely at Stansted at 3:30 p.m., an airport spokeswoman said.

Airline officials said the sweep of the aircraft would take up to four hours and then the passengers would continue their trip on the same plane.

## Iran opposing sanctions

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday that the international community, not Iran, would suffer if Iran's nuclear dossier is referred to the U.N. Security Council.

The United States has been pushing for the dossier to go to the Security Council because it believes Iran is covertly developing nuclear weapons. Iran insists its nuclear program is strictly for the generation of electricity. "We don't welcome that our (nuclear) dossier be referred to the U.N. Security Council. But if it happens, the international community and Europe, not Iran, will suffer," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told reporters Sunday.

Asefi did not explain how the world would suffer, but he said Iran "has the capability to avoid problems" even if the Security Council addressed the issue. The council has the power to impose sanctions on Iran.

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# Terror in Russia: A link to Islamic radicals?

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The brutality and meticulous planning of the school hostage-taking and other recent terror attacks in Russia have focused new attention on the growing influence of Islamic extremists over Chechen rebels and raised suspicions of a global terrorist connection.

The conflict in Chechnya, which began a decade ago as a secular fight for independence from Moscow, has steadily evolved into what local and foreign militants have described as jihad, or "holy war" against Russia.

"Over time, a growing number of people in Chechnya have identified themselves with global jihad," said Alexei Malashenko, an expert with the Carnegie Endowment's Moscow office.

Fundamentalist Islamic groups have methodically recruited followers among Russia's 20 million Muslims since the 1990s, often giving money to build mosques in their mosques in such Caucasus regions as Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkaria, both near Chechnya.

"Extremist groups have turned many mosques into their headquarters," said Alexander Sharavin, the director of the Institute for Political and Military Analysis.

## Chechen rebels may be connected to al-Qaida

Along with radical Islamic doctrines, Arab fighters and instructors also have brought new tactics to Chechnya, such as suicide bombings. "They act as a catalyst and give an international dimension to these attacks ... as part of global jihad," Malashenko said.

Russian officials claimed that the 30-some militants who seized a school in the twin Russian plane bombings, a suicide attack near a Moscow subway station and the school seizure, which together killed more than 430 people.

"Al-Qaida and other international terror groups view Russia as a part of Western civilization that must be broken and forced to its knees," said Sergei Arutyunov, an expert on the North Caucasus with Russia's Academy of Sciences.

Shamil Basayev, a Chechen warlord who claimed responsibility for the latest attacks, said his militants who seized the school included two Arabs, but he sought

to downplay connections to global terror, including Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization.

In a letter posted recently on a rebel Web site, Basayev claimed he had received less than \$20,000 in foreign donations this year.

"I am not acquainted with bin Laden," Basayev wrote. "I don't receive money from him but would not refuse it."

Basayev, who gained notoriety for cruel attacks against civilians since a 1995 hostage-taking raid on a hospital in southern Russia, was declared a threat to the United States last year by the U.S. State Department, which pointed to his alleged al-Qaida links.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it isn't clear yet whether al-Qaida was involved in recent attacks in Russia. Previous indications were that al-Qaida's assistance to the Chechen rebels revolved around financial support, logistical support and fighters, rather than operational guidance or direction, the official said.

In public statements, bin Laden has cited Chechnya as a region where war

should be waged, and al-Qaida-associated militants still are thought to be fighting in Chechnya.

In Chechnya, Basayev fought alongside Omar ibn al-Khattab, a Saudi-born rebel leader who died in 2002, and Basayev later maintained close ties with another Saudi militant, Abu Walid, reportedly killed in Chechnya earlier this year.

Russian officials said yet another Saudi, Mohammed Abu Omar al-Seif, likely had played a role in plotting the school seizure and the other recent terror attacks in Russia. He is considered al-Qaida's emissary in Chechnya.

Alexander Ignatenko, the head of the Institute for Religion and Politics, a Moscow-based independent think tank, said al-Seif, a radical Islamic theologian, had acted as a top spiritual counselor for rebels in Chechnya, issuing fatwas, or religious edicts, to approve specific attacks.

Dia's Rashwan, a leading terror researcher in Egypt, said that while Arab militants fought in Chechnya, close coordination between different Islamic militant groups was unlikely.

"There is probably a copycat tactic," he said. "These groups are using tactics that are used elsewhere, without direct instructions from a single centralized command."

Tarek al-Jassari of The Associated Press contributed to this report from Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

## Swiss referendums

GENEVA — Voters in Switzerland — where one in five residents is foreign-born — rejected liberalizing tough rules on granting citizenship Sunday.

Two government-backed citizenship proposals failed to win support in a majority of the 26 cantons, official results showed by early afternoon.

In other issues, a government plan to pay for 14 weeks of maternity leave appeared headed for passage, while voters rejected a proposal to halt the government's cost-cutting program to close smaller postal offices.

## German elections

BERLIN — Germany's governing Social Democrats avoided major losses in local elections Sunday in the country's most populous state, while the conservative opposition lost votes but stayed well ahead in a traditional stronghold for Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's party, exit polls indicated.

In the last electoral test of a year that brought Schroeder's party a string of reversals, the Social Democrats polled 33 percent in voting for local councils across North Rhine-Westphalia, based on exit polls.

## Big Swiss fungus

BIRMENSCHWIL, Switzerland — Swiss scientists have discovered what they believe is Europe's biggest fungus, stretching wide under an Alpine forest.

The Honey Mushroom — also known by its Latin species name *Armillaria ostoyae* — was found lurking in the Engadine national park in the eastern Swiss Alps, said the Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research. Spanning 86 acres, the fungus it believed to be 1,000 years old, the institute added.

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**Benelux:** Cloudy with gusty winds.  
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in the lower 50s

**Britain, Ireland:** Cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the lower to upper 60s. Tuesday lows in the lower 40s to

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers early. Highs in the mid 50s, Tuesday lows in the lower

**France:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers late. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s, Tuesday lows in the lower to upper 50s.

**Northern Germany:** Cloudy with rain late. Highs in the low 50s to low 60s, Tuesday lows in the mid 40s to low 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Cloudy with rain late. Highs in the mid 50s to low 60s, Tuesday lows in the mid 40s to low 50s.

**Hungary:** Mostly cloudy with rain.  
Highs in the upper 50s, Tuesday lows  
in the mid 40s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s, Tuesday lows in the lower 50s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s, Tuesday lows in the low to mid 60s.

**Kosovo:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s.

Tuesday lows in the mid to upper 40s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to mid 80s, Tuesday lows in the low 50s to upper 60s.



## AFRICA

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Cape Town	73	51	Mogadishu	87	70
Dakar	89	77	Nairobi	80	59
Freetown	85	74	Rabat	81	63

## THE WORLD

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Amsterdam	65	53	Manila	91	7
Bahrain	97	73	Mexico City	70	5
Beijing	80	50	Montreal	70	5
Beirut	88	73	Riyadh	102	7
Bermuda	82	74	Rio de Jan	82	7
Caracas	93	79	Seoul	79	5
Helsinki	57	45	Sofia	72	4
Hong Kong	90	78	Sydney	81	6
Lisbon	85	63	Tokyo	76	6

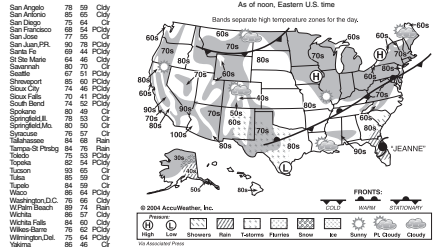
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Cairo	93/73
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Dhahran	101/82
Dubai	102/79
Ashgabat	90/54
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## OPINION

## Kerry's claims about draft need to air out

**T**wo recent polls indicate the presidential race has tightened again to within the margin of error. John Kerry made it clear that this isn't true Wednesday in a speech in Florida.

In response to a question after a speech in West Palm Beach, Kerry said President Bush might bring back the military draft if he is re-elected.

This has become a meme among Democrats.

"There will be no draft when John Kerry is president," said vice presidential candidate John Edwards.

"America will reinstate the military draft" if Bush is re-elected, said former Sen. Max Cleland, a Kerry surrogate, in a speech at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

"I think that George Bush is certainly going to have a draft if he goes into a second term, and any young man who doesn't want to Iraq might think twice about voting for him," said former Kerry rival Howard Dean at a speech at Brown University in Rhode Island.

Web logger Betsy Newmark said that college students at the University of Arizona have been getting an e-mail that says: "There is pending legislation in the House and Senate, S 80 and HR 163, to reinstate the mandatory draft for boys and girls (ages 18-26) starting June 15, 2005. This plan includes women in the draft, eliminates higher education as a shelter, and makes it difficult to cross into Canada."

"The Bush administration is quietly trying to get these bills passed now, while the

public's attention is on the elections. The Bush administration plans to begin mandatory draft in the Spring of 2005, just after the 2004 presidential election."

There are bills in the House and Senate calling for reinstitution of conscription. They have attracted a handful of sponsors and cosponsors, all of whom are Democrats.

The bills are going nowhere, because the Bush administration strongly opposes them, as do about three quarters of the members of Congress.

Donald Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld have said repeatedly that America does not need a draft to fight the war on terror.

"If you add up everyone we are looking for in the active forces, 1.4 million, and the Guard and Reserve and the Selective Reserve and the Individual Ready Reserve, it's about 2.5 million," the administration has said. "And all you have to do is alter the incentives and we can attract and retain all the people we need. We do not need to go to conscription."

The draft is an artifact of a bygone era. We would sooner bring back the musket or the crossbow than the draft, because military leaders recognize the U.S. armed forces are the best in the world in large part because they are all volunteer.

During Vietnam, the IQ and education levels of the young men who were drafted into the Army and Marine Corps were significantly below the average for the youth cohort as a whole. In my Marine recruit platoon in 1970, half were high school dropouts; there were twice as many convicted felons as people with any college, and the other college boy was dual-batted (he'd been busted for smoking dope at the University of Tulsa).

The men and women entering the armed



forces today have intelligence and education levels far above the youth cohort as a whole. The "justice-motivated volunteer" is a thing of the past.

In the Vietnam era, morale in the Army was poor. Morale in today's Army is high, and it is out of sight in the Marine Corps.

The high-technology military we have today requires bright young men and women to operate complex equipment — people who are willing to serve long enough to recoup the cost of training them. A draft that would bring in the unwilling for too short a time to be useful would undermine this setup.

I do think we need a somewhat larger

Army and Marine Corps to effectively wage the war on terror. But there is no reason to suppose we cannot recruit the 40,000 to 50,000 additional troops we need voluntarily, out of a population of 294 million.

Kerry's lie about the draft is of a parcel with Democratic claims to seniors that Republicans will end Social Security, or to blacks that Republicans will bring back segregation. It is as much a sign of desperation as it is of a lack of integrity.

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## When discussing safety, even parenting plays part

**S**ometimes I wonder what it must be like when a presidential candidate comes to Kemmenbunkport for a visit. Does George the Younger tell George the Elder what he tells the country?

Does he say that we are safer with Saddam in prison than in power? Does he insist that we are better off having overthrown the dictator rather than having contained him? I suspect it might be just a splash awkward. After all, it was dad who decided not to topple the Iraq when he was on the run. It was George the 41st who believed that the chaos

Safer for taking our dollars away from homeland security? Are we recruiting more enemies than we are defeating? Will we only know when and if there is another attack? Bush stands before the United Nations and every other political forum and states that Iraq is on the way to being "secure, democratic, federal and free." His Democratic opponent, John Kerry, charges that "terrorists are pouring across the border" and calls the invasion a "crime against history's proportions."

But most Americans have no way to either refute or to affirm the central question raised: Are we safer? In the face of so many troubling unknowns and such fearful uncertainties, facts fall by the wayside. We are left relying on our beliefs ... about human nature, about the way the world works.

These beliefs reflect what George Lakoff has described as the worldviews of conservatives and liberals. A linguist by training and

an ardent "re-framer" of progressive politics, Lakoff describes the great divide as related less to political ideology than to child-raising models. Conservatives ascribe to the "strict father model" while liberals abide by the "nurturant parent model."

In a small handbook for progressives ... he draws a line from the moral values of the strict father family to foreign policy: "Good and evil are locked in a battle ... Only superior strength can defeat evil and only a show of strength can keep evil at bay." This is the language that Bush uses against evildoers.

Nurturant parents have as much at stake in protecting their children and their country. They have no illusions about empathizing with terrorists who behead their captives. But they have a (forgive me) nuanced view ... in which security is not just calculated by body counts but also by the changing minds of those who can become either to-

morrow's terrorists or democrats.

Most Americans carry both models in their minds but, in times of trouble, they fall back to the protection of the strictest of fathers. That is precisely Kerry's dilemma.

The war in Iraq is a dangerous distraction from the war on terror ... But [the president] has framed the issue of security so powerfully that many Americans can hardly hear the din of suicide bombs.

Are we safer? At the end of her conversation speech Laura Bush talked about a time when schoolchildren were told to "duck and cover" under their desks in case of nuclear war. What she forgot is that the safety drills the government sponsored for frightened children were as phony as they were reassuring. Now we have another duck and another cover story. Maybe Father knew best.

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might be worse than containment. When another and another car bomb goes off in Baghdad, does this most discreet father ever want to say: I told you so? Nevertheless the president's insistence that the world is safer without Saddam is a powerful political position for one reason: It can't be disproved. There is simply no way to rerun the past year and do a double-blind crossover study of what would have happened if we hadn't invaded Iraq.

Are we better off? Compared to what? Are we safer than we would have been with a long, continuing pressure of world forces? Safer than if we'd focused on al-Qaida instead? For that matter, who is safer? The people Saddam persecuted? Surely. But the 1,000 American soldiers who died? The 20,000 Iraqis? And, if that math is perplexing, no one can truly calculate safety without seeing the future. Are we safer for having taken our eye off Iran and North Korea?

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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9:00 Stanley	Movie *** "Mother, May I Sleep with Danger?" (1996) Tim Spelling, Neil Simon	Dr. Phil	DragonflyTV	The Betty White Show	SportsCenter	30-Minute Music	DragonflyTV
9:30 Sages-Siemens Cat		Oprah Winfrey	Wheel of Fortune and Ashley	Fox News Watch	WNBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced	Paula's Home Cooking	Kim Possible "Downhill"
10:00 Arthur (E)		Guiding Light	Jeopardy!	Bulls and Bears		Designers' Challenge	Jeopardy!
10:30 Sages-Siemens Cat	Movie *** "Ghost" (1990) Fantasy! Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg. A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancée.	General Hospital	Headline News	Caruso on Business		Fashion Emergency	Headline News
11:00 Sages-Siemens Cat		Jeopardy!	Headline News	ESPN News		The King of Queens	ESPN News
11:30 Stanley: Sister's a race		General Hospital	Headline News	Advisory Block		The King of Queens	Pacific Report
12:00 Sages-Siemens Cat		Jeopardy!	Headline News	80 Minutes	Next at CNN	That "30 Show" The Pilgrimage	80 Minutes
12:30 The Wiggles "Furry Grog"		Judge Judy	Cold Case "Late Returns"		Good Morning America	Charmed "How to Make a Quilt Out of America's"	Cold Case "Late Returns"
13:00 Bob the Builder	Movie *** "Little Women" (1994) Winona Ryder. Four English sisters embrace life during the Civil War.	Today Will Smith; Howard Dean; child safety seats on planes.	24 Jack engages in a bidding war for the billion-dollar virus.		Tennis Davis Cup Semifinal Round - Belarus vs. United States. Singles match from Charleston, S.C. (Taped)	Aly McEld "Theme of Life"	24 Jack engages in a bidding war for the billion-dollar virus.
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)		Recess (E)	Pacific Report	Headline News		Any Day Now "Trust Me"	Pacific Report
14:00 Blue's Clues		ChalkZone (E)	The Tonight Show	Channel One		ER "Viable Options"	The Tonight Show
14:30 Barney & Friends (E)		Kim Possible "Downhill"	Late Show	The Early Show		Law & Order "Mega"	Late Show
15:00 Funniest Home Videos	Movie *** "U2" (1991) Michael Landon, Casey Peterson. An ardent cricket lover has a new start with his family.	Headline News	Access Hollywood	Headline News		Everybody Loves Raymond	Access Hollywood
15:30 Full House		Jeopardy!	Headline News	FOX News		Weddings Gone Wild	The Late Show
16:00 Pokémon		DragonflyTV	Headline News	FOX News		Law & Order "American Jihad"	Dennis Miller
16:30 To-Go-On! (Part 1 of 2)		Access Hollywood	Headline News	FOX News		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Countdown With Keith Olbermann
17:00 Rocket Power		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News		American Chopper "Tool Box"	Entertainment Studios.com
18:00 SpongeBob SquarePants		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News		Friends	The Hot List
18:30 Rugrats		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News		Seinfeld "The Nortal Yagur"	Headline News
19:00 Little Meville	Movie *** "Changing Lanes" (2002) Drama! Ben Affleck. A car accident puts two men on a collision course.	Headline News	Headline News	FOX News		Seinfeld "The Stand-In"	Headline News
19:30 Yams "Mega Funds"		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News		Blind Date	Blind Date
20:00 Smallville "Cool"		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News			
20:30 Sages-Siemens Cat		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News			
21:00 Boy Meets World	Movie *** "Crimes of the Mind" (1999) Drama! Washington. Submarine officers clash over orders to launch their rules.	Headline News	Headline News	FOX News			
21:30 The Cosby Show		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News			
22:00 Home Improvement		Headline News	Headline News	FOX News			
23:00 Touched by an Angel "The Sheriff"	Movie *** "Hot Shots!" (1991, Comedy) Charlie Sheen	Headline News	Headline News	FOX News			
23:30		Late Show	Headline News	FOX News			

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00:00 Hey Arnold! Gerald's voice.	11:00 Comedy "Hot Shots!" (1981, Comedy) Charlie Sheen	11:30 Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	11:00 Today
00:30 Rocket Power	Movie *** "All Quiet on the Western Front" (1930, Drama) Lewis Allen. A German youth learns the horrors of war firsthand.	Access Hollywood	The Hot List	NBC Nightly News	Headline News	Weddings Gone Wild	Sesame Street (E)
1:00 SpongeBob SquarePants		The Hot List	Sesame Street (E)	ABC World News Tonight	Totally NASCAR	Law & Order "American Jihad"	Sages-Siemens Cat
1:30 Rugrats		Monday Night Countdown (Live)	Headline News	CBS Evening News	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Washington Redskins. From FedEx Field in Landover, Md. (Live)	American Chopper "Tool Box"	Dr. Phil
2:00 Little Meville		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
2:30 Yams "Mega Funds"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
3:00 Smallville "Cool"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
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4:30 Boy Meets World		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
5:00 Sesame Street (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
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6:00 Blue's Clues		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
6:30 Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
7:00 The Wiggles		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
7:30 Bob the Builder		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
8:00 The Wiggles "Your Body"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
8:30 Sages-Siemens Cat		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
9:00 Stanley	Movie "Abandoned and Deceived" (1995, Drama) Lori Loughlin, Brian D'Arcy	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
9:30 Sages-Siemens Cat		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
10:00 Arthur (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
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19:00 The Proud Family		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
19:30 The Amanda Show		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
20:00 Everwood "The Kissing Bridge"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
20:30 Sister, Sister "Car Trouble"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
21:00 Sister, Sister "The Birthday"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
22:00 The Cosby Show		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
22:30 Home Improvement		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
23:00 Touched by an Angel "Reunion"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Friends	Oprah Winfrey
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Merv Griffin, 79, who created the game show "Jeopardy!" in 1963 and wrote its brief, unforgettable theme song, Griffin has not met contestant Ken Jennings, who has become a celebrity as the show's longest-running and richest champion.

# He created 'Jeopardy!'

## Who is Merv Griffin?

BY GARY GENTILE

The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Whenever he goes these days, Merv Griffin gets asked the same question: What is Ken Jennings really like? Griffin, who created "Jeopardy!" in 1963 and wrote its brief, unforgettable theme song, has not met the mild-mannered software engineer from Salt Lake City who has become a celebrity as the game show's richest champion. But he'd like to.

"I think he's great," Griffin said. "He's humble — a smart, nice kid. And I think he would like to meet the creator of 'Jeopardy!'"

Griffin, who no longer owns "Jeopardy!" credits his former wife, Julianne Griffin, with the brainstorm of giving contestants the answers and requiring them to respond in the form of a question.

NBC bought the idea and put the show on in prime time in 1964.

It didn't work right away. The first version of the show allowed all contestants to keep their winnings. That resulted in a dull, conservative wagering strategy.



Jennings

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Merv Griffin

"Jeopardy!" creator

"No one bet on 'Final Jeopardy,'" Griffin said. "It almost killed the show."

So the rule was changed to allow only the winner to go home with cash.

Griffin said he had to battle the network brass over using the term "daily double." NBC's censors thought the phrase, which is also used at race tracks, would promote gambling.

Griffin also established the show's most famous rule, limiting a champion's run to five straight wins.

"We thought it would be boring," to allow a contestant to just keep winning, he said. That rule was changed at the beginning of last season, leading to the record-winning streak by Jennings.

Asked if he still thought having a long-running champion was boring, Griffin said, "We'll see."

As of Sept. 17, the streak by Jennings stood at 48 shows, with winnings of more than \$1.6 million. (Ken Jennings will return Oct. 4 after a two-week hiatus for the Tournament of Champions.) But a report recently on TV Week's Web site said the run ended with a show that will air later

this fall. A network spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report.

Griffin sold "Jeopardy!" and his other creation, "Wheel of Fortune," to Coca-Cola Corp. in 1986 for \$250 million. Coca-Cola then owned Columbia Pictures, which is now owned by Sony Corp.

"Jeopardy!" is filmed in Sony's studio in Culver City.

Griffin, 79, continues to develop new projects, including television pilots and feature films, from his Beverly Hills offices. He holds court behind his large desk, surrounded by his many Emmys, his Shar-Pei dog Charlie Chan at his feet.

Griffin said he watches "Jeopardy!" every day to see how Jennings is faring. He doesn't believe people will lose interest in the show after the streak ends.

"People love to watch and to give the answers before the contestant does," Griffin said. "There are more heroes at home than on the screen."

And when Jennings does lose? "I hope they have a ceiling full of balloons ready," Griffin said. "What he has done is simply amazing."

### Victoria's Secret lingerie tour

The Victoria's Secret Angels will be hitting the road for the lingerie retailer's first nationwide tour: Angels Across America.

Tyra Banks, Gisele Bündchen, Heidi Klum, Adriana Lima and Alessandra Ambrosio will present the 2004 holiday gift collection in New York on Nov. 8, then travel to Chicago (Nov. 9), Las Vegas (Nov. 11) and Los Angeles (Nov. 12).

In Las Vegas, the Angels will be inducted into the Hard Rock Hall of Fame. Outside the Bellagio Hotel, the renowned fountain show will welcome the models with pink water.

The tour will end in Los Angeles in a Victoria's Secret version of the Hollywood Walk of Fame ceremony.

A one-hour special documenting the tour will air Dec. 13 on VH1.



Banks

### Nimoy to hit air waves

Former "Star Trek" actor Leonard Nimoy is beaming onto the radio.

"American Jewish Music From the Milken Archive With Leonard Nimoy" will explore sacred and secular Jewish music from the Milken Archive of Jewish American Music during 13 two-hour episodes on WFMT Radio Network stations and XM Satellite Radio.

The series will air beginning Sept. 30.

"I grew up speaking Yiddish at home in Boston and hearing this music during services at synagogue and at social events where my uncle and four cousins played klezmer music," Nimoy said in a statement Friday. "This program and this music makes me feel very much at home."

The series' musical selections will range from biblical epics set to music by Kurt Weill, Jewish legends in tone poems, film scores and operas, symphonies and concertos based on Jewish themes, Yiddish theater songs and world premieres of recently discovered Jewish compositions by Leonard Bernstein.

### Blue Man Group headed to Las Vegas

Blue Man Group is on the move.

The show's new home will be a custom-built, 1,750-seat theater at The Venetian hotel-casino, officials announced.

"We are very excited to bring Blue Man Group to The Venetian," said Sheldon G. Adelson, chairman of the board of Las Vegas Sands Inc., parent company of The Venetian. "It is one of the most creative and innovative shows ever produced and it is immensely popular across the world."

Blue Man Group is a sort of new-age vaudeville show featuring musicians with makeshift instruments who are equal part performance artists who paint and toilet paper their audience. The show opened at the Luxor hotel-casino in March 2000 and will continue there through Sept. 15, 2005. Blue Man will open at The Venetian in October 2005.

### Opium references censored from song

Malaysian censors have banned a song by Hong Kong pop diva Faye Wong because of a line that talks about opium smoking, a Sony music spokesman said.

The censorship board told the record company to pull the Cantonese song "In the Name of Love" from the album "To Love," which was released last November, because it included the line "opium is warm and sweet."

The song was included on a list of banned books and music released in August by the ministry.

"All the copies in the market now won't have this track," the spokesman said. He said more than 10,000 copies have been sold locally.

The song is also banned in China, where censors said the lyrics were too decadent and would adversely influence the health of young people.

Wong was born in mainland China, but lives in Hong Kong. She's long been one of the top-selling Chinese female vocalists, and performed at a sold-out concert in Kuala Lumpur in April.



Wong

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## Clearing Dillinger?

**WI** GREEN BAY — A police officer and dispatcher say they've solved a 1931 bank robbery case — and the culprit isn't ruthless Depression-era bank robber John Dillinger, as many people had suspected.

Officer Mike Knetzger and dispatcher Tracy Ertl determined Dillinger was in prison when gangsters robbed Green Bay's South Side State Bank in 1931 and got in a shootout with police.

The robbers got nearly \$7,000 but demanded more.

Four police officers arriving in a squad car were met with submachine-gun fire before they could get out of their vehicle, and three of the officers were wounded, Knetzger said.

Knetzger and Ertl said they've figured out who did it, but they're not saying yet. They say the answer will be in a book they're writing, due out next year.

## Strange bedfellows

**NC** CRAMERTON — The mayor and the town manager plan an unusual mixing of the branches of municipal government.

Mayor Cathy Biles and Town Manager David Young are scheduled to marry Oct. 1, and not all of the town's leaders are happy about it.

"I'm not saying they need my permission, but there's definitely a line of do's and don'ts in the business world and they have crossed it," said Commissioner Ronnie Murphy.

Other commissioners say they don't worry about whether the marriage will influence town business.

"Both of those parties do a great job," said Commissioner Jackie Sumner. "From a personal perspective I wish them luck."

## Marijuana found in truck

**OK** MUSKOGEE — A truck driver made a startling discovery when he found more than a ton of marijuana hidden away in a trailer's fake bulkhead.

The Muskogee Police Department's Special Investigations Unit was called to the Trucks For You long-haul trucking company, Sgt. Shannon Humphrey said.

Fred Payton, an independent driver from Miami, Okla., called authorities after finding he could not fit his normal-size load into the trailer, Humphrey said.

Payton, who measured the trailer, found tucked behind a false wall 76 plastic-wrapped bags of marijuana weighing 2,076 pounds, Humphrey said. Police estimated the marijuana's value at \$3.1 million, she said.

## Taxidermy support

**ME** CORNINA — A teacher leading one of the nation's only high school taxidermy courses has come a long way since he once stopped to pick up road kill. Now he's getting specimens from the Smithsonian.

Howard Whitten, a Nokomis Regional High School science teacher, convinced the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., to donate \$1 million worth of stuffed and mounted animals, tanned and

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frozen hides, skulls and frozen specimens.

More than 400 specimens were donated, including a pair of lions from Mozambique, bighorn sheep from Russia and a grizzly bear. The items were in a personal collection donated to the Smithsonian.

## Buckeye bandit

**OH** AMANDA — Sarah Young woke one morning to find her buckeye tree stripped bare of nuts.

Was it the work of busy squirrels or a buckeye thief? Young suspects the latter.

"It's nuts!" Young said. "I want my buckeyes back."

It happened again when Young returned to her rural home about 25 miles southeast of Columbus and found her second buckeye tree shorn. A neighbor's buckeye tree also had been plundered.

Young and Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen suspect there's a market for supplying the shiny, brown nuts to jewelry makers who sell buckeye necklaces on the streets around Ohio State University on football game days.

## Big retailers out

**AZ** FLAGSTAFF — City officials approved rules meant to keep big-box retailers from mov-

ing into the city. The ordinance restricts retail outlets to 125,000 square feet and requires a conditional use permit for any store bigger than 75,000 square feet. Existing businesses that decide to expand would also have to follow the new standards.

## Mistrial declared

**FL** CLEARWATER — The case against a teenager accused of draping a noose around the shoulders of a black teen at a fast food restaurant ended in a mistrial after defense attorneys said prosecutors did not disclose some evidence.

The mistrial was declared after a friend and classmate of Dionte Hall, 15, said he heard the accused, Louis J. Giannola IV, 19, utter a racial slur against Hall. Defense attorney Sami Thalji argued the friend, Jason Cantone, never made that allegation in his deposition and state prosecutors never disclosed it.

## Man responsible for fire

**MT** HELENA — A civil jury found that Brent Johnson's disposal of charcoal briquettes made him liable for a 2000 wildfire that destroyed two homes and other buildings. Johnson and his insurance company, State Farm, are liable for more than \$500,000 in damages. Insurers Pacific Indemnity and Federal Insurance used to recover what they paid to three homeowners after the 9,400-acre blaze.

## Larceny charge added

**VT** BENNINGTON — A Pomona man who already was charged with armed assault for taking the clothes off the back of his victim now faces a new felony charge of larceny.

If convicted of both charges, Bryan Comi could face up to 20 years in prison.

The charges are related to an incident where Comi, who told police he had been smoking crack all night, allegedly held a man at gunpoint and took his wallet, keys and clothing from him.

The gun was later discovered to be a piece of plastic tubing, according to police reports. The victim told authorities that Comi told him he was a police officer.

The victim returned to his own apartment naked before calling police.

## Ground silently trembles

**WA** LONGVIEW — Hundreds of tiny earthquakes have been reported at Mount St. Helens, but it is unlikely they pose any hazard to anyone outside of the volcano's crater, state seismologist Tony Qamar said.

Qamar said the seismology lab at the University of Washington in Seattle is having trouble keeping up with the hundreds of tiny quakes and show no sign of letting up.

The swarms of quakes could indicate that a small amount of magma is moving into the mountain's crater, cracking the lava dome, he said.

The quakes could increase the likelihood of small rock slides from the 876-foot-tall lava dome within the mountain's crater.



## Mighty lumberjack

Northern Arizona University Transportation Services Center employee Vince Moore walks beneath the Louie the Lumberjack statue he repaired following its reinstallation outside the Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff, Ariz. The 20-foot tall fiberglass statue was vandalized. He was decapitated and had his feet broken off at the ankle. The head of the ax was broken off as well.



## Behind the scenes

Kyle Glover, 7, walks through the inside of a 20-foot colon that shows cancerous stages of colon tissue at the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation's "Check Your Insides Out From Top To Bottom" in Oklahoma City.



## Anxious pooch

Jug, a 10-month-old Dogue de Bordeaux, watches as his owner, Carmen Randle, left, shakes hands with Susan Sampson, right, of Golden Retriever Rescue of Fairbanks, Alaska, during the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test at the Allridge Dog Park in Fairbanks.



**Steer jumping** Lee Graves jumps his steer during the the Pendleton Round-Up in Pendleton, Ore.



**Twisting icebreaker** From left, Jacob Jenkins, Ramone Robinson, Nelson Miller and Tairisha Sawyer play a giant game of Twister in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center on the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville campus.



**Soothing sun bath** Derek Carney catches some sun on Edgewater Beach in Cleveland.



**Stop, don't splatter!** A grasshopper rests on the windshield of a car stopped along Highway 98 near Vaughn, Mont.

## Teen held in sword attack

**TX** HOUSTON — A sword fight has claimed the life of a 42-year-old man and injured an elderly woman, according to authorities who are holding a teenager following the attack.

A Harris County sheriff's homicide investigator said Jose Alberto Martinez, 18, was charged with murder and aggravated assault. Martinez was jailed in lieu of \$40,000 in bail.

The fight broke out when Martinez was drinking beer with his neighbor Gabriel Flores at a trailer park.

Sgt. James Parker said Martinez, who had taken the 2-foot-long sword from his residence earlier in the evening to show it to his neighbor, allegedly stabbed Flores multiple times.

Martinez was also accused of striking the victim's mother in the head with the sword. The mother's name was not immediately available. Parker said Flores' family members managed to seize the sword from Martinez.

## Hefty robbery

**FL** TAMPA — The "Beer Belly Bandit" has struck again after a 10-month break, adding to the dozens of bank robberies he has committed in Florida since 2000.

The robber, known for his bulging midsection, hit a bank again, pulling a gun on two tellers. It was the first robbery he had committed since November, when he held up a bank in Sarasota, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement said.

The amount stolen was not disclosed.

## Rough counselors fired

**CA** STOCKTON — Six counselors at a high-security juvenile prison have been fired after an investigation found that two of them used excessive force during a fight with two inmates, and the four others falsified reports about the beating.

The fight, videotaped at the N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility near Stockton, began between the two youths and two counselors.

On the videotape, broadcast around the country, the two counselors continued to beat the two youths after they were subdued, and other counselors joined in.

Dave Darchuk, president of the counselors' union, said they were acting in self-defense. The six have appealed their firing.

## Great white shark tagged

**MA** FALMOUTH — Marine researchers tagged a 15-foot great white shark off Cape Cod, the first time a great white has been outfitted with a satellite tracking device in the Atlantic.

The shark, first spotted near the Elizabeth Islands, may have had difficulty navigating its way back to the open ocean, said Gregory Skomal, a shark specialist with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

Skomal used a six-foot spear to attach the tag to the shark's dorsal fin near Hadley Harbor, off Nauset Island.

The shark has apparently spent several days in the somewhat en-

closed area framed by Woods Hole, Nauset Island, and two smaller islands, Uncata and Nonamisset.

Officials hoped the shark would be able to leave the area on its own.

## Year-round ice rink

**KS** TOPEKA — Topeka will soon have a year-round public ice rink after the City Council agreed unanimously to transfer a city-owned parking lot to a nonprofit group. The Topeka Ice program funded a majority of the project through community fund-raising.

Construction could begin as early as next spring.

## More whooping cough

**MI** LANSING — The number of cases of whooping cough reported in Michigan are up more than 57 percent from this time last year, state health officials say. Ninety-nine cases were reported by the end of August with several more under investigation, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. That's up from 63 reported for the same period in 2003.

## Financial scandal

**NH** ACWORTH — At first, town government officials found about \$6,800 missing from the clerk's office.

Now, it's more like \$224,550.

Acworth selectmen have written to the town government's insurance company, the Local Government Center Property-Liability Trust of Concord, filing a claim for reimbursement of the stolen money.

"The information provided to us indicates a trend of missing funds going back to 1986," selectmen wrote in their insurance claim. "The town clerk was first elected in 1977 and it is likely that the theft started out with smaller amounts prior to 1987."

Brenda G. Longley, the town clerk for 27 years and the only employee in the clerk's office, resigned after a discussion with Mason and Rich, an accounting firm in Concord. In her resignation letter, Longley said, "I really have no idea what happened."

## Student chokes to death

**GA** ATLANTA — A Midway Elementary student who fell unconscious after choking on a hot dog in the school cafeteria has died, officials said. Arely Rodriguez, 9, and some friends apparently were joking about who could be the fastest at eating a hot dog, witnesses said. A school nurse successfully tried to dislodge the food. The child never regained consciousness.

## Hannity waives fee

**UT** OREM — Conservative commentator Sean Hannity's appearance at Utah Valley State College will be financed in part by the campaign of GOP gubernatorial candidate Jon Huntsman Jr. Hannity's speech is billed as providing balance to the appearance of documentary filmmaker Michael Moore. Hannity will waive his standard \$100,000 speaker's fee.

Stories and photos from wire services.



# Horoscope

The Pisces moon gives way to the Aries moon late in the evening. You'll probably start out with a temperate, mature and wise attitude early in the day, but as evening nears, you'll likely feel the impulse to simply have it your way, no matter the cost. Stay off the car lots and out of the time-share offices. Good salespeople could get the best of you.

Joyce Jillson



## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(September 27) The simple decisions you make this year create a huge impact. Your year takes many exciting turns just because you decide it will. Over the next three months, you know what you want out of a relationship, and you get it. Signs that click with you are Scorpio and Sagittarius. Career moves in December put you on the track toward wealth.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're balancing the many dimensions of your life beautifully and paying particular attention to your spiritual self. That's why synchronic events magically open doors! Why shouldn't your life be filled with this kind of luck?

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You may feel out of communication with someone even though the two of you speak to one another regularly. Getting back in touch will be key to your productivity, since part of your brain is working on this issue constantly.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You're after immediate results, and you'll get what you expect. So keep expectations high, and let the people around you know exactly what they are. By describing what you need in detail, you're more likely to get it.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You're working on creating an environment that supports rich abundance. That means there's enough room to put things and everything you've already got is well maintained and organized.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're a visionary and will be drawn to

bring ethereal concepts into the real world. Inspiring impossibilities spur you to create your own unfeasible outcomes. To get to your goal, you need the help of others.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

What others believe to be a lost cause could turn out to be a real winner if someone like you gets behind it. You find funding where you least expect it. Develop your voice — it is a key to better opportunities.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You're all about efficiency now. Get it done, get it right, and get it out. Your manner is impressive to higher-ups. Tonight, get the feeling that you're reading yourself for something big — you are.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Profound feelings arise from seemingly rut-of-the-mill activities. Every activity and thought contributes to your destiny. Overbearing personalities around you are all fighting for the same thing — respect.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're naturally driven, but you've got a cheerful way of conveying your drive. The power of your personality influences people. At work, others may be confused, but you clearly see the bottom line.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Weird complications are featured — at least this provides a colorful story for later, and you'll be fascinating entertainment when you tell it! The lesson is, you can't take things at face value. Get the whole story.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

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Your style shines through — you want to go even further with your individual trademark, though. You don't have to spend big to make your statement. You can start by simply getting rid of excess.

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## Peanuts



## Calvin and Hobbes



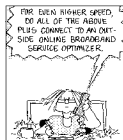
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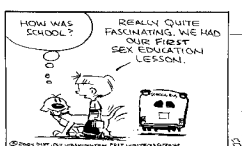
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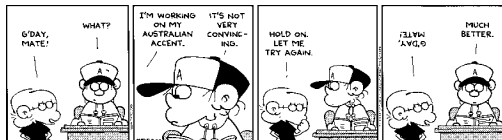


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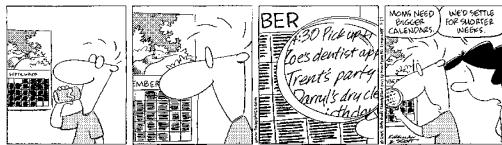
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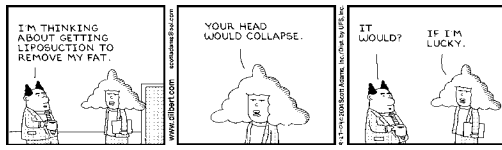
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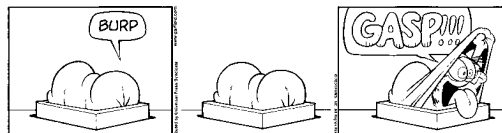
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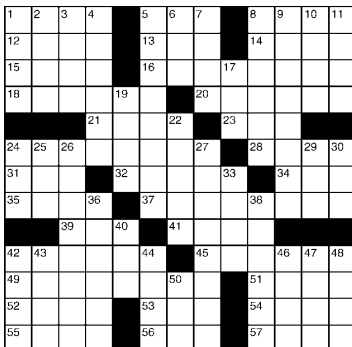
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Traffic noise
- 5 Witnessed
- 8 Sail support
- 12 Exceptional
- 13 Altar affirmative
- 14 "GWTFW" acreage
- 15 Unrepaid
- 16 In sequence
- 18 Rock duo, — Dan
- 20 Catch with a ruse
- 21 Reveille's opposite
- 23 Fashion designer Anna
- 24 Top of the angelic hierarchy
- 28 Strike breaker
- 31 Expert
- 32 Blender setting
- 34 — moment
- 35 Ness, e.g.
- 37 Pepper or York
- 39 Erstwhile acorn
- 41 Highlander
- 42 Palate
- 43 Optical illusion artist M.C.
- 49 Did maintenance
- 51 Medal earner
- 52 Relaxation
- 53 Exist
- 54 Send forth
- 55 Coaster
- 56 More, to Manuel
- 57 Houston campus

## Down

- 1 Support group?
- 2 Bridge position
- 3 Ontario's neighbor
- 4 Pre-euro Spanish money
- 5 Rock-and-roll legend?
- 6 Citric quenching
- 7 Sported
- 8 Rank
- 9 Heaton of "Everybody Loves Raymond"
- 10 Met melody
- 11 Freeway egress
- 17 Officeholders
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- 33 Hollywood clasher
- 36 Split in two
- 38 One who makes a good impression?
- 40 Chiang — shek
- 42 Works with
- 43 Scallopini ingredient
- 44 On game
- 46 50 percent (Pref.)
- 47 Leif's father
- 48 Memorization method
- 50 Historic period

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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ULIQQM LJNRS XPGQ

UJKQJMQ ARPE UQIGPLQ.  
Saturday's Cryptoquip: I LIKE TO BELIEVE A  
SQUIRREL'S LIVING QUARTERS COULD BE  
CALLED A NUTCRACKER SUITE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals P

# Husband mows down landscaping

**Dear Abby:** My husband, "Ned," and I have been having the same argument for years. I care for our kids and handle all the housework. The only chore I refuse to do is mow the lawn.

Every spring, I buy flowers, plants, trees and herbs to plant around our large yard. I plant them, mark where they are, do the watering and weeding, and show Ned where I've planted them. Without fail, in the middle of summer when my plants are flourishing, my husband will mow them over.

The first few times it happened, he said, "Oops! I didn't see them." Later, he admitted he didn't feel he should have to bother remembering where I planted and go around them. I think he acts this way because he wants me to take over the mowing.

It hurts me that Ned would deliberately destroy something I

care about. I feel like he's trying to destroy part of my personality, and it makes me really depressed.

If you're wondering why I refuse to mow, it's because I do EVERYTHING else. My list of chores is already endless.

I also think it's particularly mean of Ned to wait until my plants are established and growing beautifully before he mows them. What do you think?

—Ready to Transplant, St. Joseph, Mo.

**Dear Ready:** It appears you are married to a horticultural grim reaper. Since you have enough to do without adding mowing to your list of chores, a practical alternative might be to hire a neighborhood teenager to do the mowing next summer. If that's not feasible, consider placing a decorative medium-sized rock border around your planted

areas so your husband can't mow them down.

**Dear Abby:** I am a receptionist in a law firm. There are times when I am very busy, but there are long stretches when there is nothing to do.

Is it proper for me to read during the downtime? I feel awkward when my boss sees me reading.

—Bored on the Job

**Dear Bored:** Ask your boss if there are other tasks he or she would like you to do at your desk during the slow periods, or if there is any objection to your reading. If there is no objection, sign up for night classes and use the downtime to study. In no time at all, you could upgrade your skills and possibly your salary.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HAIKK

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YULIBS

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Answer: IT'S A

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



Now arrange the circled letters to form the answer as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: MIDGE OUAKE BARROW POTTER

Answer: Tough to do after a workout — GET THE WORK OUT

# Obese husband only wants sex

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to a loving man for 25 years, but there are several problems. "Arthur" has gained a lot of weight and is close to 400 pounds. He also is a smoker. Last year, he had a heart attack, but fortunately, he recovered totally.

I exercise constantly to keep my weight down, and I often invite Arthur to walk with me, but he always declines. He says his knees ache, his ankles hurt, he gets out of breath and his back hurts.

Actually, Arthur never wants to do anything with me, except have sex.

I go to movies by myself and plan trips with my friends.

Why don't men think about their appearance the way women do? Don't men realize that by being so obese, they aren't attractive to us?

## Annie's Mailbox



—Weight Watcher

**Dear Weight Watcher:** Yes, but they hope you love them anyway. (The same goes for men whose wives are overweight.) The real problem in my marriage is that Arthur has no interest in being with you unless he wants sex, and that's the one area that holds no appeal for you.

Let Arthur know that his lack of interest in other things hurts your marriage, and ask him to work on it with you. You cannot force him to lose weight, however, so don't nag him about it. Instead, talk to Arthur's doctor, and explain that Mr. Heart Attack is still smoking, overeating and sitting on the couch. A physician ordered diet-and-exercise program not only will help your husband drop some pounds, but it will also improve his aching knees and back, throbbing ankles and breathlessness.

**Dear Annie:** Your response to "Scared and Fed Up Student," who was being bullied at school, was sensitive and helpful. However, bullying will continue to be seen as nothing more than immature behavior until we recognize that such actions meet the legal definition of assault and battery.

We need a debate in homes, schools and communities about illegal behavior between children. At the very least, police should be visiting elementary schools and parents should inform children about the consequences of such behavior.

—Gary Stollak, Ph.D.,

Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University

**Dear Dr. Stollak:** Thank you for your input.

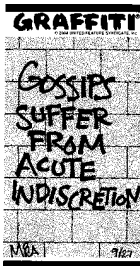
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## Family Circus



"Mrs. Clarke is havin' a grandson, but we can't name him like we did with her turtle."



## Dennis the Menace



## The Far Side



How locusts are invited to swarm

## Non Sequitur



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# Pennant races tighten on West Coast

## Feliz's grand slam carries Giants with 1½ games of NL West lead

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants showed they can win even the biggest games without Barry Bonds' bat.

Pedro Feliz hit a tiebreaking grand slam with two outs in the eighth inning for his fourth hit and the Giants helped their play-off chances Saturday with a 9-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

San Francisco moved within 1½ games of the first-place Dodgers in the NL West and a half-game behind Chicago in the wild-card race. The Dodgers and Giants played four more times, including the final three games of the season next weekend at Dodger Stadium.

Feliz sent an 0-1 pitch from Yhency Brazoban (3-1) over the left-field wall for his second career slam and 21st homer of the year. He also hit a grand slam June 11, 2003, at Chicago.

Scott Eyre (2-2) pitched the eighth for San Francisco and Ray Durham homered and hit an RBI double as the Giants bounced back after losing the opener of this crucial three-game series 3-2 on Friday night.

Bonds matched his career high with five walks, three of them intentional.

Milton Bradley's solo homer in the sixth made it 5-5.

The Dodgers played without first baseman Shawn Green, who spent the day observing the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur.

**Mets 4, Cubs 3 (11):** Victor Diaz hit a tying, three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning and Craig Brazell's first major league home run in the 11th gave host New York a stunning victory over Chicago.

Brazell, who entered in the 11th as part of a double switch, led off the bottom half by lining a pitch from Kent Mercker (3-1)

over the wall in right, ending Chicago's five-game winning streak.

The Cubs appeared to be cruising to their 14th victory in 17 games behind 7½ shutout innings from Mark Prior and a two-run homer by Todd Walker. Diaz hit his second career homer off closer LaTroy Hawkins to tie it 3-3.

Sammy Sosa, in a 5-for-38 slump, struck out in his first four at-bats and then grounded into a double play. He led eight runners on base — five in scoring position.

Joe Seo (5-10) got the victory.

**Brewers 5, Astros 0:** Wes Obermueller (6-8) pitched a six-hitter for his first career shutout and Milwaukee damaged Houston's playoff chances. The Astros received 2½ games behind Chicago in the NL wild-card race, wasting an opportunity to gain ground.

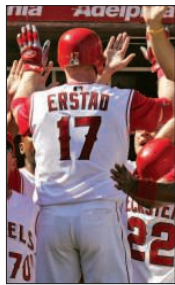
**Cardinals 10, Rockies 6:** John Mabry hit a three-run home and Roger Cedeño added a two-run shot for visiting St. Louis. Jason Irvin grounded out one out for his NL-leading 46th save.

**Phillies 4, Expos 3 (10):** Mike Lieberthal hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning and Ryan Howard added a run-scoring double for visiting Philadelphia.

**Padres 6, Diamondbacks 5:** Ryan Klesko hit a go-ahead, two-run double off Chad Durbin (1-1) in the seventh inning and finished with four RBIs. Trevor Hoffman got four outs to reach 40 saves for the sixth time but the first since 2001.

**Braves 1, Marlins 0:** Mike Hampton (12-6) gave NL East champion Atlanta another reason to celebrate, pitching seven scoreless innings on an ailing knee. A homer by light-hitting Dewayne Wise in the seventh provided the only run host Atlanta needed.

**Reds 7, Pirates 4:** Paul Wilson (10-6) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings to become Cleveland's second single-game winner in two nights and the visiting Reds used a five-run first inning to beat Pittsburgh.



**Pedro Feliz, top, pumps his fist after hitting a grand slam in the eighth inning to give the San Francisco Giants a 9-5 victory over Los Angeles, cutting the Dodgers' NL West lead to 1½ games. Meanwhile, the Anaheim Angels pulled within two games of Oakland in the AL West by beating the Athletics 5-3. Darin Erstad, bottom, is welcomed back to the dugout after hitting a three-run home run in the fifth inning.**

## Anaheim cuts Oakland's AL West advantage to two with a week left

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Garrett Anderson hit a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning, Darin Erstad had a three-run homer and the Anaheim Angels beat Oakland 5-3 Saturday to move back within two games of the AL West-leading Athletics.

Anderson greeted Ricardo Rincon with a liner down the right-field line, giving Anaheim a 4-3 lead. Rincon had just replaced Chad Bradford (5-7), who hit Jose Guillen with a pitch leading off the inning.

Alfredo Amezaga came in as a pinch-runner for Guillen and scored easily from first base on Anderson's hit. Chone Figgins' RBI single later in the inning gave Anaheim a two-run edge.

Francisco Rodriguez (4-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory and Troy Percival worked the ninth for his 30th save, reaching that figure for the seventh straight season.

Jermaine Dye hit a two-run shot for the Athletics, who won the series opener.

**Red Sox 12, Yankees 5:** Manny Ramirez doubled in the tiebreaking run during a seven-run eighth inning as host Boston kept alive its hopes of an AL East title.

Jason Varitek and Doug Mirebelle each doubled in two runs in the inning as Boston cut its deficit to 4½ games.

The Red Sox lead the AL wild-card race by six games over Anaheim and Texas.

Pat Quantrill (6-3) got out of trouble in the seventh, then allowed four runs in the eighth. Yankees starter Javier Vazquez allowed five runs in 4½ innings and has won just once in eight starts.

Keith Foulke (5-3) retired Jorge Posada with two on and two outs in the eighth and then finished off in the ninth.

**Orioles 3, Tigers 0:** Matt Riley (2-1) allowed two hits over six shutout innings for the host Orioles, who won their third straight

with their eighth shutout of the season. Buddy Groom threw a scoreless seventh, Jason Grimsley pitched a perfect eighth and B.J. Ryan got out of a bases-loaded jam with one out in the ninth for his second save.

Riley didn't allow a hit until Carlos Pena singled with two out in the fifth. Riley struck out four and walked three in gaining his first victory since Aug. 16, when he allowed one hit over seven innings against Toronto.

Jeremy Bonderman (10-13) allowed five hits in seven innings, but was undone by a two-run first inning.

**Indians 5, Twins 3:** After Jacques Jones hit a two-run double off Bob Howry (4-1) for a 3-2 lead in the eighth, Josh Phelps tied the score with two outs in the bottom half off J.C. Romero (7-3) with his first career pinch homer.

Victor Martinez and Ben Broussard then walked, and Coco Crisp hit a two-run double.

Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his 11th save, dropping visiting Minnesota to 1-4 since the Twins clinched their third straight AL Central title. With the bases loaded and one out, Torii Hunter hit into a game-ending double play.

**Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 5:** Geoff Blum hit a winning sacrifice fly in the ninth off Miguel Batista (10-13).

With a 9:15 p.m. curfew imposed as Hurricane Jeanne closed on Florida, both teams came out swinging in a game that lasted just 2 hours, 20 minutes and ended at 8:36 p.m. Sunday's series finale was canceled because of the hurricane.

**White Sox 5, Royals 1:** Mark Buehrle (15-10) pitched a four-hitter for his third complete game and Jose Valentin and Carlos Lee homered for host Chicago, which has won six of eight.



Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki gets his 250th hit, a two-run single in the fourth inning of Saturday's game.

## Suzuki reaches 250, but Texas tops M's

The Associated Press

ARKLINGTON, Texas — Ichiro Suzuki stroked his 250th hit on Saturday, a two-run single in the fourth inning, to pull within seven of George Sisler's major-league record with eight games to play.

Suzuki was 1-for-5 Saturday as Seattle lost 5-4 to the Texas Rangers, who joined Anaheim in pulling within two games of Oakland in the AL West. Anaheim beat Oakland 5-3.

Suzuki tied Rogers Hornsby (1922) and Chuck Klein (1930) for fifth on the season this hit. Al Simmons (1925) is next with 253.

Suzuki had little to say about his milestone hit other than, "That was great." He said he didn't keep the ball on No. 250, but "in the future many things might change."

Michael Young's tying triple sparked Texas' two-run, game-deciding rally in the seventh.

"We're still hanging," said Brian Jordan, who went 2-for-4 with an RBI. "We need some help from Anaheim tomorrow. We need to handle our business and, hopefully, win our last eight."

Texas has won six of seven and 11 of 15.

Kevin Mench homered in the sixth to cut Texas' deficit to 4-3, and the Rangers went ahead in the seventh against Shigetoshi Hasegawa (4-6). Hank Blalock singled and scored on Suzuki's triple to tie it. After Mark Teixeira received an intentional walk, Mench's sacrifice fly gave the Rangers a 5-4 lead.

R.A. Dickey (6-7) pitched 3½ innings of hitless relief and Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 48th save in 52 chances.

"R.A. was the story tonight," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "That was a big bridge. It wasn't just one hitter or one inning. It was pretty impressive."

The Rangers bounced back from Friday night's 8-7 loss to the Mariners with clutch hitting and strong work by the bullpen.

"As tough of a loss as we had last night, it's big to come back like we did," Showalter said. Edgar Martinez, entering his last week in the majors before retiring, homered in the first inning for the Mariners, who had a three-game winning streak snapped. It was the 309th homer of his career.

Season hit leaders			
Through Sept. 25			
Player	Team	Year	No.
1. George Sisler	SL	1920	257
2. Bill Terry	NY	1930	254
3. Billy O'Doul	NY	1929	254
4. Al Simmons	PH	1925	253
5. Ichiro Suzuki	SEA	2004	250
6. George Sisler	SL	1920	250
7. Chuck Klein	PH	1929	250
8. Ty Cobb	DET	1909	250
9. George Sisler	SL	1922	246
10. Ichiro Suzuki	SEA	2001	242
11. Babe Herman	NY	1930	241
12. Heinie Manush	PH	1928	241
13. Bill Dickey	NY	1930	240
14. Wade Boggs	BOS	1986	240

Suzuki by month			
Month	AB	H	Avg.
April	102	26	.255
May	125	50	.396
June	28	274	
July	118	51	.432
August	121	463	
September	97	38	.392
Totals	669	250	.374







Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney (5) carries the ball 47 yards to score against Utah in the second quarter Saturday. Carney scored three touchdowns, but 14th-ranked Utah had too much firepower and won 49-35.

## Utes too much for Air Force

BY TODD JACOBSON

The Gazette

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Air Force was the first team to find a soft spot in 14th-ranked Utah's defense, but it was hardly enough to knock off the Utes on Saturday.

Looking for a big upset, Air Force got turned upside down 49-35 in front of a homecoming crowd of 44,043 fans at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

The Falcons grabbed an early 14-point lead and threatened to bash the Utes' Bowl Championship Series-busting hopes, but Utah responded by reeling off 35 consecutive points to win its eighth straight game.

"Our guys didn't quit," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "We missed some tackles, but we came back and we scored and we came back and we fought until the end. I am not in anyway discouraged about this football team whatsoever."

That's because Air Force (2-2, 1-1 Mountain West) proved it could hang with Utah — at least for a little bit. The problem was the Utes (4-0, 1-0) were good as advertised.

After last year's three-overtime epic loss, Air Force's secondary provided most of the drama Saturday as it tried to contain Utah's unrelenting spread offense.

It didn't work. Utah quarterback Alex Smith picked apart the Falcons, throwing for 260 yards and two touch-

downs, and Utes running back Marty Johnson grinded out four touchdowns and 75 yards.

The Utes accumulated 505 yards on offense, and most of it came in the final three quarters. Air Force freshman quarterback Shaun Carney had his best day, running for 95 yards and throwing for 158 more in his fourth start.

Carney accounted for four of Air Force's five touchdowns, rushing for three scores and throwing for another. Early on, he had the Falcons in position to upend a ranked opponent.

The Falcons marched 80 yards to open the game, and Carney scored on a 2-yard run for a 7-0 lead. The freshman padded the lead with a 47-yard run in the second quarter.

"I don't think Utah was used to a team coming out there attacking them and jumping on them like we did," Air Force fullback Adam Cole said. "If we learn how to sustain that I think we can beat a Utah, beat a team like that in the conference."

Utah had not trailed this season.

"I was in panic mode," Utah coach Urban Meyer said. "You can't get behind Air Force. I have been on that side of the stick before."

He didn't need to panic. He just needed to hit the offense button.

Air Force barely had time to let out a cheer before the Utes swooped out of the wild blue yonder with 35 consecutive points.

"It's hard to stop us when they don't know what to key on," Johnson said. "We can run. We can go to Paris (Warren), Steve Savoy, the receivers. Alex can throw. Alex can run. Usually a defense can't stop us because they don't know what's coming."

Utah made the score 14-7 with the first of Johnson's four touchdown runs with 9:43 left in the half, and scored on back-to-back drives — if you want to call them drives — at the end of the half to take a 21-14 lead.

Smith connected with Warren on a 65-yard touchdown pass to tie the score at 14-14, and after Anthony Butler fumbled on Air Force's first play at the Falcons' 21-yard line, it took two runs by Smith for the Utes to take a lead they never relinquished.

Fumbles proved to be especially troublesome for Air Force. After the Falcons narrowed Utah's lead to 35-28 on Carney's third touchdown run with 2:14 left in the third quarter, Air Force seemed to be driving to tie when Carney fumbled amid plenty of controversy.

Carney said he didn't fumble. Marquess Ledbetter, who recovered the fumble, said Stone Pouha clearly stripped the ball. Replays were inconclusive, though DeBerry vehemently argued the play for several minutes.

"That was crucial. Oh Lord, that was crucial," DeBerry said. "We had momentum and we were closing the gap."

## Michigan capitalizes on Iowa's turnovers

BY LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — Braylon Edwards sat on the bench and took a sip of water before he knew it was time to get back on the field.

"There's a certain kind of cheer when you get a fumble or an interception," he said.

He heard that roar often Saturday at Michigan Stadium.

The 18th-ranked Wolverines turned four turnovers into 27 points and Edwards caught six passes for a career-high 150 yards to lead Michigan to a 30-17 win over Iowa.

"We're trying to establish ourselves as a contender, not a pretender," the star receiver said.

The defending conference champion Wolverines (3-1, 1-0) won their 23rd consecutive Big Ten opener. They have won 12 straight at home since Iowa handed them their worst loss at Michigan Stadium since 1967.

Ed Hinkel's one-handed, diving TD catch on the opening drive of the Hawkeyes (2-2, 0-1) their only lead. Hinkel's 10-yard TD midway through the fourth quarter pulled them to 30-17.

Chad Henne was 16-for-26 for 22 yards with a TD and, most importantly for Michigan, no turnovers.

Iowa's Drew Tate was 20-for-32 for 270 yards, two TDs, two interceptions and a muffed handoff that led to a fumble.

"Some stuff that they did was different than what we saw on film," Tate said. "But it was just them being athletes that made it so hard."

Michael Hart ran for 99 yards and a TD for the Wolverines.

Iowa's Jermelle Lewis was limited to 35 yards on four carries.

The Wolverines started the game ranked first in the nation with 14 takeaways and might stay on top after recovering three fumbles and intercepting two passes. They have scored 79 of 117 points through four games of turnovers.

Lloyd Carr, in his 10th season as Michigan's head coach and 25th on its staff, has never seen anything like it.

"We've had some great defenses, but we've never had a defense that has caused this many turnovers," Carr said.



Michigan receiver Braylon Edwards celebrates his first quarter touchdown against Iowa.

After Michigan cut Iowa's lead to 7-3 midway through the first quarter, the Wolverines scored the rest of their points off turnovers. They would've added another score to the total, but Hart fumbled as he lunged toward the end zone.

"They're going to tease me about it," Hart said.

Michigan scored two TDs over a 2:07 span of the second quarter to take a 16-7 lead and took a 20-point lead early in the fourth on Grant Mason's interception and 25-yard return.

Michigan cornerback Leon Hall intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble.

Iowa had won two straight against Michigan, including a 34-9 victory two years ago at Michigan Stadium, but the Hawkeyes have never won three in a row against the Wolverines.

In the first half, Edwards had four catches for 132 yards, including a 39-yard reception that fell a yard short of the end zone. He had just two catches after first downs, but both went for half-time.

Edwards, with 2,711 yards receiving, moved to pass. Amari Toomer on Michigan's career list and trails only Anthony Carter by 365 yards.

"We did some good things, but obviously we did some things that weren't so good," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Michigan played a huge role in that. They're an aggressive, opportunistic defense."

## Backup quarterback Sexton guides Florida St. past Clemson

BY BRENT KALLESTAD

The Associated Press

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — Wyatt Sexton became an instant hit with Florida State fans and left coach Bobby Bowden with a decision to make.

Sexton threw for 162 yards and a touchdown Saturday after replacing an injured Chris Rix, and he No. 8 Florida State forced five turnovers in a 41-22 victory over Clemson.

Justin Miller provided most of the Tigers' offense with two kickoff returns for touchdowns and an NCAA record 282 yards on six returns.

Bowden doesn't like quarterback contro-

versies and he said he won't take long to decide which quarterback will start against North Carolina next week.

Rix, who has started 37 games for Bowden, has never been a fan favorite due largely to some erratic performances on and off the field, and an 0-5 record against archrival Miami.

Rix was also involved in the most recent Florida State quarterback controversy — two years ago — when he was replaced as the starter for four games by Adrian McPherson. But Rix regained the job after McPherson was kicked off the team.

This time it was an injury that took Rix out of the game. He sprained his right ankle late in the first quarter and was able

to return, but spent the rest of the game on the sideline watching Sexton.

"I would love to have the opportunity to start," Sexton said. "I would like to have the team in my hands."

Sexton, a redshirt sophomore, completed 17 of 26 passes with a 47-yard scoring pass to Chauncey Stovall — the Seminoles' first TD pass of the season.

"It was a perfect throw," said Stovall, who caught a career-high seven passes for 96 yards. "Wyatt just sat back in the pocket and waited and I did my thing."

Rix told Bowden that he was ready to go, but the coaches wanted to give Sexton a chance with the game on the line.

"I'm happy the coaches had confidence

in me and let me show what I can do," Sexton said. "When I first got in I was extremely nervous. It took me awhile to get my composure."

Miller's two TDs covered 97 and 86 yards. His second touchdown brought Clemson to within 24-22 midway through the third quarter.

"It was a great individual performance by a player who just refused to quit," Clemson coach Tommy Bowden said.

The Seminoles (2-1, 1-1) avenged last year's 26-10 loss at Clemson and gave Florida State's Bowden a 5-1 record in matchups against his son.

It was also the elder Bowden's 34th career victory, the most ever by a Division I-A coach.





# Texas, Benson pines for Rice's defense

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Cedric Benson has never had so much fun so early in a season.

Texas' senior quarterback ran for 189 yards and a touchdown — his third straight game of more than 180 yards in the nation's top rushing attack — and the Longhorns rolled over Rice 35-13 Saturday night.

"This is fun," said Benson, a slow starter in his first three seasons but who now ranks behind only Ricky Williams and Earl Campbell as Texas' career rushing leaders.

"I was really seeing the field," he said. "You can't say enough about the offensive line. Those guys paved the way for us and we're all enjoying it together."

Benson did most of his damage in the first half, piling up 169 yards on 18 carries. He regularly broke tackles at the line of scrimmage to get into open space in the secondary. His second run went for 57 yards to set up the first of Vince Young's three touchdown passes.

"We're a power running team right now," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Cedric was tremendous."

The Longhorns (3-0) have won 37 of the last 38 meetings with Rice (2-1).

The latest win was steady if unspectacular and just the kind of game Texas wanted as the Longhorns fight the urge to look ahead to their Oct. 9 matchup against No. 10 Oklahoma in Dallas.

"We felt like we had what we needed," Brown said. "To stay undefeated was the most important thing coming out of tonight."

Brown's only worry was how long to play his star tailback and how risk injury. Benson got the ball only two times in the second half before heading to the bench.

Rice came in with the nation's No. 1 rushing defense, giving up just 7.5 yards per game in wins over pass-heavy Houston and Hawaii. Reality set in quickly against Texas. Benson had 126 yards in the first quarter.

"They really swarmed us," said Rice coach Ken Hatfield. "They are big, they are very physical and they made a lot of things happen in the running game."

**No. 6 West Virginia 45, James Madison 10** — Rashied Marshall threw two touchdown passes to Chris Henry to lead West Virginia to a home win.

West Virginia's defense scored on three turnovers and set up another on the Mountaineers' (4-0) remained unbeaten heading into a showdown next week at former Big East rival Virginia Tech.

James Madison (2-1) has been outscored 135-10 in its last three contests against I-A teams and is 3-0 all-time against the Dukes.

The Dukes limit the Mountaineers to 171 yards on the ground, 140 yards below their average.

**No. 4 Auburn 33, The Citadel 3** — Jason Campbell passed for 194 yards in the first half and Auburn coasted at home in a breezier be-

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tween a pair of high-stakes contests.

The Tigers (4-0) had no problem overcoming a few sloppy plays against the Division I-AA Bulldogs (0-2) in a tuneup for next week's showdown at No. 11 Tennessee. They have a six-game winning streak for the first time since the 1997 season.

Auburn outgained The Citadel (0-2) 593-169 in total yards, coming off a 10-9 win over LSU.

Cornell Williams gained 95 yards on 22 carries, all in the first half, but lost a pair of fumbles in the Bulldogs' territory. He had a 1-yard touchdown run.

**No. 11 Tennessee 42, Louisiana Tech 17** — Erik Angie threw three touchdown passes and Cedric Houston ran for 140 yards and more scores to lead good Tennessee.

The Volunteers (3-0) started slow but broke open the game in the third quarter.

Angie again got the bulk of the playing time while alternating with fellow freshman Brent Schaefer. Angie finished 10-for-15 for 198 yards, and Gerald Riggs had a career-high 116 yards on 16 carries.

The Bulldogs (2-2) lost starting quarterback Donald Allen at the end of his first series with an injury. Matt Kubik, who started the season opener, replaced him and was intercepted twice.

**No. 12 Virginia 31, Syracuse 10** — In Charlottesville, Marques Hagans had 283 total yards with two touchdown runs and a TD pass to lead Virginia.

Wali Lundy added a 27-yard run for his 10th touchdown of the season for the Cavaliers (4-0).

The Orange (2-2), 51-0 losers to Purdue in their season-opener, drove 68 yards for a field goal on their opening possession, then managed just 41 more yards on four possessions and trailed 21-3 at halftime.

Hagans had scoring runs of 59 and 27 yards in the first half and finished with 81 yards on six carries.

**No. 13 LSU 51, Mississippi State 10** — Alley Broussard ran for a career-high three touchdowns in the first 17 minutes and LSU held visiting Mississippi State to seven first downs and 130.

The Tigers (3-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) rushed up 394 yards and led 34-0 at half.

The LSU defense had four interceptions, recovered a fumble and scored a touchdown.

Bulldogs (1-3, 0-2), who are rebuilding under first-year coach Sylvester Croom, have lost seven straight. Tiger Stadium and 12 of 13 overall against LSU.

**No. 15 Purdue 38, Illinois 30** — Kyle Orton passed for 366 yards and four touchdowns, and Taylor Stubbs rushed 11 passes for 115 yards to lead visiting Purdue.

Orton completed 35 of 50 passes and was not intercepted for the

third straight game. He had scoring passes of 2, 5 and 34 yards to Stubbs and 49 yards to Brandon Jones as the Bolleermakers rolled up 515 yards.

The Bolleermakers (3-0, 1-0) won their eighth straight Big Ten opener.

**No. 19 Minnesota 43, Northwestern 17** — Laurence Narthey had a 50-yard touchdown run and finished with 145 yards rushing to lead Minnesota at home.

Bryan Cupito, who completed passes to eight different receivers, threw for 155 yards and two TDs for the Gophers (4-0, 0-0) in the Big 10 opener for both teams.

**No. 20 Wisconsin 16, Penn State 30** — Matt Bernstein bulled his way to a career-best 123 yards after replacing an ineffective and injured Booker Stanley to help Wisconsin hold off visiting Penn State.

The Badgers (4-0 Big Ten) held their opponents out of the end zone for the third time in four games and ended the month 4-0 despite the absence of star tailback Anthony Davis (eye) for the last 3 1/2 games.

The loss was costly for the Nittany Lions (2-2, 0-1), who lost the top two offensive weapons in the first quarter when quarterback Zack Mills injured his right shoulder on Penn State's first series and his replacement, Michael Robinson, suffered a concussion and was taken off the field by ambulance.

**No. 22 Arizona State 27, Oregon State 14** — Jamar Williams intercepted two passes and Jordan Hill recovered two fumbles in Arizona State's home victory over the Beavers. Oregon State in the Pac-10 opener for both teams.

The Sun Devils' Emmanuel Franklin saved an Oregon State touchdown by knocking the ball loose from Oregon State's Joe Newton, then recovering the ball for a touchdown — a play that turned the game around late in the first half.

Hakim Hill, playing with a broken bone in his right forearm, scored on a 3-yard run and Andrew Walter threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Zach Miller for the Sun Devils (4-0, 1-0), off to their best start since going 11-0 in the 1996 regular season.

Oregon State (1-3, 0-1) lost for the 16th consecutive time at Arizona State.

**No. 23 Maryland 59, Duke 21** — Joel Statham threw four touchdown passes to offset a host of mistakes Saturday, and visiting Maryland piled up 685 yards in total offense.

Vernon Davis caught three of the TDs — the first of his career — and Rich Pixon had the other as Maryland (3-1, 0-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) won its fifth straight over the Blue Devils (0-4, 0-2).

**No. 24 Louisville 34, North Carolina 20** — Eric Shelton ran for 116 yards and three touchdowns to lead Louisville earned its second shut-out of the season.

Shelton rushed for 86 yards to lead the Cardinals, who improved to 3-0 for the second straight season under coach Bobby Petrino.



Jacksonville Jaguars running back Fred Taylor (28) looks back from the end zone after scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run on Sunday.

## Jaguars earn first victory over Titans

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Jacksonville Jaguars know how to make the most of their points.

Fred Taylor ran for a 1-yard touchdown with 9 seconds left Sunday, and the Jaguars beat Tennessee 15-12 for their first victory ever at The Coliseum. Jacksonville is 3-0 despite scoring just 35 points this season.

Of course, the Jaguars have allowed only 28.

The Jaguars sacked Steve McNair three times and knocked him out in the fourth quarter with a bruised sternum. He watched the final minutes from the sideline as the Titans (1-2) lost their second straight.

Byron Leftwich also threw for a touchdown as the Jaguars won their first three games for the first time since 1998 and stayed alone atop the AFC South.

Tennessee has dominated this series since 1999, winning nine of the previous 11 games and each of the first five games played in

The Coliseum. But the Jaguars said they didn't care about history with 36 plays added since the end of the 2002 season. They held Tennessee and McNair, the 2003 co-MVP, to just 24 yards.

McNair was hurt while trying to rally the Titans. He ran twice for 19 yards, including a 14-yard scramble on third-and-10, on a drive capped by Chris Brown's 26-yard TD run for a 12-7 lead with 5:37 to go.

But McNair overthrew Pro Bowl receiver Derrick Mason in the left corner of the end zone on a 2-point conversion attempt, then went straight to the sideline, where he pulled off his pads.

Leftwich drove the Jaguars 59 yards in 15 plays, and Taylor capped it with a run to the right side. Taylor, one of only four Jaguars left from the 1999 season in which Tennessee beat them three times, ran back to the sideline with the football in his arm.

Leftwich hit Ernest Wilford for the 2-point conversion, but it wasn't needed. Leftwich was 14-for-20 for 124 yards, and Taylor ran 17 times for 81 yards.

## J. Lewis finds his stride, Ravens run over Bengals

BY JOE KAY

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Jamal Lewis up the middle. Jamal Lewis around the end. And, with the game on the line, Jamal Lewis rumbling toward the end zone.

After two superb efforts, the Baltimore Ravens' game-breaker found his stride Sunday. He ran for 186 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown sprint that clinched a 23-9 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Kyle Boller ran for a touchdown and threw for another, but had two costly fumbles that prevented the Ravens (2-1) from pulling away until Lewis unleashed on his fourth quarter run.

He took a handoff, changed direction twice, left two tacklers

empty-handed and sped off, pulling so far ahead of the defense that everyone slowed once he reached the 20-yard line.

Lewis repeatedly pulled away from the Bengals (1-2), who allowed 10 yards in each of his first two games. Lewis has topped 100 yards in all seven of his career games against Cincinnati, and had a 180-yard effort against the Bengals last December.

For the second consecutive game, the Bengals' offense failed to score a touchdown behind second-year quarterback Carson Palmer, who was hit often by a blitzing defense.

Palmer was 25-for-52 for 316 yards, but got sacked four times and threw three interceptions, two of them to safety Ed Reed near the end zone.

# Singh uneven, but moves into lead

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Pa. — Vijay Singh is making it look easy by winning tournament after tournament, and millions upon millions of dollars, while chasing Tiger Woods' single-season money record.

A slow-lifting fog and slow-moving players conspired Saturday to make for one of Singh's toughest days in weeks, yet his ability to turn bad lies into good shots helped him to an even-par 72 that kept him in the 84 Lumber Classic lead.

"I didn't play as well as I did the first two days," said Singh, who started 64-68 at the 74.1-year-old Mystic Rock course. "My rhythm wasn't there. I was struggling to find it all day. But I still lead by two, so I'm not that disappointed."

Repeatedly following poor shots with exceptional ones on a day when some of his best play came merely to save par, Singh finished at 12-under 204 to lead Chris DiMarco by two shots and Jonathan Byrd

and Matt Gogel by three entering Sunday's final round.

Singh can break Woods' single-season money record of \$9.1 million set in 2000 by winning the \$756,000 first prize, or, if he plays in two single-season no-cut tournaments that offer guaranteed money, by finishing second.

Heavy fog shrouded the mountaintop resort course for the third straight morning, forcing a delay in play and the decision to go out in threesomes rather than twosomes. That meant some players, including Singh, started earlier than expected so the finish could be televised.

Play lagged all day as a result, with Singh, DiMarco and Ben Curtis needing 5 hours and 20 minutes for their round — about 80 minutes slower than usual. That's why Singh wasn't surprised when the quality of play dropped off late in the afternoon, too.

DiMarco, one of only three U.S. team members competing after last weekend's Ryder Cup wupout in suburban Detroit, repeatedly tried to make a move at Singh.

But Singh held him off each time despite being in the 70s for only the second time in 11 rounds.

## Lindley overtakes Inkster with 7 birdies

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Leta Lindley had seven birdies to finish at 6-under 65, good for a one-shot lead over two-time champion Juli Inkster at the LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge.

Lindley, a 32-year-old pro looking for her first tour victory, birdied five holes on the back nine to finish at 14-under 199.

## Stadler trying for third straight win

CARY, N.C. — Craig Stadler is already atop the Champions Tour money list, and he's poised to become the first tour player in more than six years to finish three consecutive tournaments.

Stadler shot a 4-under 68 for a four-stroke lead after two rounds of the \$1.8 million SAS Championship. Stadler birdied five of his final 12 holes, leaving him at 133 on the par-72, 7129-yard Prestonwood Country Club course.



Vijay Singh shot an even par 72 to take the lead at the 84 Lumber Classic in Farmington, Pa., on Saturday.

## Stenson captures Heritage title

WOBBURN, England — Henrik Stenson of Sweden shot a 6-under-par 66 on Sunday to win the Heritage at Woburn by four strokes over Carlos Rodiles of Spain.

The 28-year-old, who led going into the final round, birdied four successive holes beginning at the 14th to clinch his victory.

# Jones Jr. knocked out, boxing future in doubt

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Glen Johnson knocked out Mike Jones Jr. in the ninth round Saturday night to retain his IBF light heavyweight title and cast more doubt on the future of one of boxing's most storied fighters.

Jones lay on his back moving only slightly for almost four minutes after he was felled by an overhand right, followed by a short left. Trainers filled a towel with ice and slid it under Jones' head as he lay on the canvas, but he had trouble opening his eyes. Jones, 35, finally walked out of the ring with help from his trainers. Jones left the arena in an ambulance and was taken to the Regional Medical Center at Memphis for medical treatment. The ambulance without comment.

The defeat left Jones' once-invincible career in tatters.

Jones turned pro after the 1988 Olympics, where he was widely perceived he was robbed of the gold medal. He has won titles at classes ranging from middleweight to heavyweight.

Last November, he captured the light heavyweight crown from Antonio Tarver, but he was defeated by a crashing left from Tarver in their rematch in May.

Tarver joined Johnson at his news conference, saying he regarded Jones' career as over.

"I want to see the man go on and enjoy his life after boxing," Tarver said. "We don't need to see Roy Jones go through the things he went through tonight, the things he went through on the main card off into the sunset."

Tarver said he was ready to fight Johnson for the IBF light heavyweight title and Johnson was open to the idea.

## Truex cruises to fifth Busch win

DOVER, Del. — Points leader Matt Truex Jr. won his third title, took the lead with 12 laps to go and drove to an easy victory in

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the NASCAR Busch series race Saturday at Dover International Speedway.

The win in the Stacker 200 was the fifth of the year for Truex, tying him with rookie Kyle Busch and Greg Biffle for the most on the circuit. It also was the fifth in the career of Truex, who increased his points lead over Busch to 152 after 27 of 34 races.

He took the lead from pole-sitter Casey Kahne, Nextel Cup rookie sensation, on the third of 200 laps at The Monster Mile and led the next 20 laps before the high-banked concrete oval. Kahne went back in the lead for 57 laps, but was not factor when his car faded in the second half of the \$1 million race.

## Bourdais slips by Junquiera

LAS VEGAS — Sebastian Bourdais held off Newman-Haas teammate Bruno Junquiera in a side-by-side battle to win the Las Vegas 400 on Saturday.

Bourdais, the series points leader, took the lead 58 laps into the 167-lap event. By the 83rd lap, Junquiera was moving in, and with 20 laps remaining in the wheel-to-wheel racing began in the inaugural Champ Car event at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Bourdais took the faster low lane, but Junquiera stayed with him, leading by inches with as few as three laps to go around the 1.5-mile superspeedway.

Pole-sitter Patrick Carpentier held on for third, 4.091 seconds behind Bourdais. Rodolfo Lavín finished fourth, 6.227 seconds behind him. Jimmy Vasser took over the top five, 6.302 seconds behind.



Serena Williams celebrates her China Open victory on Sunday.

## Barichello locks up F1 second

SHANGHAI, China — Rubens Barrichello clinched second place in Formula One on Sunday when he won the inaugural Chinese Grand Prix by edging Jensen Button by about a second.

Ferrari teammate Michael Schumacher, his seventh driver's championship already secure, was 12th. He spun out and later blew a tire, finishing more than a lap behind.

Barrichello won his second straight race and the ninth of his career before a crowd of about 200,000 at the new Shanghai International Circuit.

## S. Williams wins China Open

BEIJING — Serena Williams erased a match point in the second set and came all the way back to beat U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsov 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 Sunday at the China Open for her first title in six months.

"I just never gave up. I really didn't want to lose today," the top-seeded Williams said. "I have never won a title since March, which really isn't like me."

Williams ended Kuznetsov's 14-match winning streak. The second-seeded Russian won her previous two events: the U.S. Open and a tournament in Bali last week.

# Heidelberg notches 2nd mercy-rule win

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Senior quarterback T.J. Trice ran for two touchdowns and passed for a third for the second straight week Saturday as the Heidelberg Lions rolled to their second straight mercy-rule victory of the season, 40-0 over the Kaiserslautern Red Raiders.

Trice scored on runs of six and two yards and hit brother Nick with a 12-yard TD pass Saturday.

For the day, T.J. Trice completed five of eight passes for 80 yards as the Lions improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in Division I.

Lewis Allen, who led Heidelberg with 75 yards on nine carries, and Jordan Yakov, who recovered two fumbled touchdowns, added rushing TDs against the Red Raiders. All-Europe junior lineman Brandon Simmons returned a botched punt three yards for Heidelberg's first TD.

The Lions play at Wiesbaden Saturday in a matchup of the only D-I unbeaten. Kaiserslautern (0-2, 0-1) will host Lakenheath (0-1, 1-0).

In other games Saturday:

## Hanau 17, Patch 14

HANAU, Germany — Marcus Fontanez kicked a 35-yard field goal with 1:40 left in the game to keep Hanau atop the Division II standings at 2-0.

Malcolm Lane rushed for 168 yards and two TDs for Hanau, which posted 258 yards of total offense, all of it on the ground.

Hanau, which hosts Bitburg in a nonconference game this Saturday, was led defensively by A.J. Ford, who registered 10 tackles and batted away a potential touchdown pass in the end zone; Mich-

el Williams, who was in on 11 tackles, and Ivan James, who posted two sacks.

Patch, which hosts unbeaten Naples this Saturday, fell to 0-2 overall and in II-South despite a 6-4 rushing yards and a TD from quarterback J.D. Lindsay. James Duhart ran for Patch's other TD.

## Sigonella 29, Brussels 27

SIGNONELLA, Italy — Quarterback K.J. Jones passed for two touchdowns and ran 15 yards for a decisive third score in a Division III-B game.

Jones, who had had the ball stripped from him and run in for a touchdown during Brussels' 21-point second period, atoned for the gaffe when he completed a 10-yard TD pass to Michael Petty to tie the game at 21 in the third period. In the fourth quarter, Jones ran 15 yards for the winning score.

Dustin Sampson scored the first Sigonella touchdown when he returned an interception 90 yards. Sampson picked off two passes, as did teammate B.J. Washington. Sigonella's other score came in the second quarter, when Jones hit Adam Pressnell with a 35-yard TD pass.

Lionie Ruffin scored all four Brussels TDs. In addition to stealing the ball from Jones and running it into the end zone from 10 yards out, Ruffin scored on a 30-yard run and a pair of 75-yard kickoff returns.

Fullback Jade Garth led Sigonella with 15 rushes for 116 yards. Matthew Parker gained 104 yards in 12 carries for Brussels.

Brussels (1-1 overall, 0-1 in III-B) closes out its conference schedule this Saturday when it hosts AFNORTH. The Brigands must win to keep their playoff hopes alive. Sigonella (1-1, 1-0) plays at Vicenza in a nonconference game.

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# Life's not easy at the top

## No. 1 USC scrambles back from 11 points down, beats Stanford

BY GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — USC went to halftime trailing and flailing, down by 11 points and stung by an 82-yard run through the heart of its defense on Stanford's final play.

Reggie Bush was worried the locker room would resemble a funeral. Instead, the top-ranked Trojans seemed thrilled to be in a close game — and they rode a wave of halftime emotion to a 31-28 victory Saturday night.

"I don't think it was anger. It was excitement," said Bush, whose spinning 33-yard punt return set up LenDale White's go-ahead score with 6:15 left. "These are the type of games that we miss, that we love. It's easy to blow a team out. When you win a game like this, you feel so much better. You feel great."

Matt Leinart passed for 308 yards and White scored on a 2-yard run to cap the Trojans' comeback. Steve Smith caught eight passes for 153 yards and a touchdown, and Bush contributed 95 yards rushing and the pivotal punt return to Southern California's 13th straight victory.

But the final result didn't seem nearly as important to the Trojans (4-0) as the thrill of making an impressive comeback. Sure, USC has a roster stuffed with high school all-Americans and NFL prospects, but even the best individual talents need chemistry and camaraderie.

Freshmen exhorted their over-performers counterparts for better efforts. Team leaders spoke up. Coach Pete Carroll made major adjustments to the Trojans' passive zone defense — and everyone got behind a common goal.

"At halftime, this was the first time this team really had a



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USC's Kevin Arbet is pulled down by Stanford's Evan Moore (8) and Alex Smith (81) after returning an interception 66 yards to the Stanford 2-yard-line on Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif. Top-ranked Southern Cal earned its 13th straight victory with a 31-28 victory.

chance to bond," defensive end Shaun Cody said. "It was a real special moment. It was the first time you felt everybody together as one. We're not always going to blow teams out. You need these kinds of nights to get a real team together."

The defense blamed itself for

the 28-17 deficit after yielding 291 yards in the first half, so USC changed its timid scheme and gave up just 36 after halftime in both schools' Pac-10 opener.

Leinart's offense did the rest, scoring two touchdowns and holding the ball for 18 minutes.

But until Trent Edwards' final

pass fell incomplete, the nation's second-longest winning streak was in danger across the San Francisco Bay from the site of the defending national champions' most recent defeat, at California last season.

"I think you have to build on a loss, but right now it's going to

take a few days to realize what kind of opportunity we had to make a statement nationally and beat a team like this," said Edwards, 23-for-35 for 183 yards and two touchdowns. "This whole team expected to win that game."

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